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U. S. Flag Ship Constellation
[illegible] Navy Yard Washington
Sept 28th 1866.

Sir.

I have the honor to submit herewith for your information and guidance, the Medical Survey held on the Surgeons under my charge.

Also the Log, a Record List of Transfers, & Officers with their Date.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]
Surgeon U. S. Navy & Fleet Surgeon.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation
St Paul de Loanda
December 13th 1859

Sir

You will furnish to any Vessel of the Squadron that may apply, a portion of the Lignum Vitæ that may be in excess for use in Board the "Supply" but you will be very careful that every Vessel under my Command, shall receive a quantity in proportion to her average wants, and reserve such share for those that may be absent, keeping for my inspection an exact account of the Quantities furnished.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander,
Henry Walke
Comdg U. S Store Ship "Supply."

True Copy. N. Blanden Herndl
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Done
May 19.

9 Pkgs to ship

H. M. Flag Ship Constantia
Loanda, December 14th 1867.

Sir.

In order to prosecute the work with which I have been intrusted during your absence, I would most respectfully request that the Captain of the "Supply" may be instructed to grant every assistance which may be required to facilitate the work.

I would further request that I may be allowed, not less than four Carpenters, and if practicable six Seamen.

I am, Sir, Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) H. M. Lowry
Carpenter.

Flag Officer,
William Inman,
Comdg H. M. African Squadron.

Commander Walke will furnish the above, to include those left by the Flag Ship and "Portsmouth".

(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer.

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

H. M. S. "Flag Ship Constantia"
St. Paul de Loanda,
December 16th 1857.

Sir.

You are at liberty to engage such ballast, Sand or Stone, as you may require, on the most favorable terms you can obtain, with strict enquiry and Competition if possible by the Vendors.

You will not Land any of your Cargo, until the return of the Flag Ship.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg H. M. S. African Squadron.

Commander
Henry Walke,
Comdg H. M. S. Store Ship "Supply."

True copy. N. Marsden Bowell
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
December 16th 1859.

Sir.

You are hereby ordered to receive into the iron ballast, and Grape Shot, on board the "Supply" for the Flag Ship, and you will be careful to keep it in such a way as to prevent any part thereof from being hidden by any other ballast you may take on board, - or to add to the labor of removing it.

If you find it prudent for any cause to change the position of the "Supply" during my absence, say 15 days, you are at liberty to do so.

Herewith you are furnished with various orders to be delivered to any Vessel of the Squadron that may arrive in my absence; those for the Steamers will be copied by them, and returned to you, to be furnished to each Steamer on her arrival.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
Henry Walke
Comdg U. S. Store Ship "Supply."-

True copy. N. Vanderford
Flag Officer's Secretary.

H. M. Ship Swift Portsmouth
St Paul de Loanda
December 1st 1859

Sir,

Carpenter Lowry is on Medical duty, under the orders of the Flag Officer, and is never seen aboard under the orders of any Officer of the "Supply." The Commander and Officers of the "Supply" will afford every facility to Mr. Lowry for conducting the duties on which the Launch and Pinnace of the "Supply" will be given in charge of Mr. Lowry, with the Equipments of oars, Rowlocks &c, complete.

There are six (6) Seamen and six (6) Carpenters given as a Working Gang in charge of Mr. Lowry. These twelve (12) men will be provisioned and lodged on board the "Supply" until further orders, and their food will be served to them on board, except their dinner, which will be sent on shore in the boat employed under Mr. Lowry.

Commander Walke will be pleased to furnish any purchases or other appliances which may be desired by Mr. Lowry, who will receipt for them, and take a receipt from Commander Walke upon their being returned on board.

I am, Sir,
Your Obt. Servt
Signed, W.m Thomas
Flag Offr, Commander-in-Chief
H. M. S. African Squadron

Commander
Henry Walke
H. M. Store Ship "Supply"
Loanda.

True copy. A. Vaudeleur Harvell
Flag Officer's Secretary.

H. M. Flag Ship "Trafalgar"
St Paul de Loanda
January 1st 1859.

Sir.

You will be pleased to deliver to Mr. C. A. Rennie, Naval Storekeeper the remainder of the Cargo of Stores on board the H. M. Store Ship "Supply" which you will transport to the Store-house occupied by the H. M. at Loanda.

I am,

Your respectfully
Your Off. Obt.
(Signed) Wm Seaman
Flag Officer,
Comdg H. M. African Squadron.

Commander
Henry Walker
Comdg H. M. Store Ship "Supply."
Loanda

True copy. N. Landon Haines
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constitution"
St. Paul de Loanda
January 18th 1862

Sir:

The Store Ship "Supply" is about to complete discharging her Cargo of provisions and Stores, for the use of the Squadron now under my Command.

The "Supply" will convey to the U. S. a number of Officers, invalids and other persons. You will be pleased to prepare such accommodation, and provision for them as may be necessary. When this shall be done, and the Ship properly ballasted, & ready for sea, with her accounts settled, You will be pleased to report to me.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
Henry Wilkes
Comdg U. S. Store Ship "Supply"

True copy. N. Vanden Bosch
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constitution"
St. Paul de Loanda,
January 8th 1853.

Sir:

Lieut. Conrad de Koop, of the "Mystic", will deliver to you a box containing a stone, taken from the tomb of Napoleon the Great, at St. Helena, as contributed to the Washington Monument, now being erected at the Federal Capital.

You will be pleased to have that package well cared for, and safely delivered to Commodore Breese, or the Commandant of the Navy Yard at New York.

I send herewith a letter on this subject, which you will please hand to Commodore Breese, or his successor.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
Henry Walke
Comdg U. S. Store Ship "Supply."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

H. M. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St Paul de Loanda
January 18th 1860.

Sir.

You will receive on board the "Supply" for passage to the U.S. all persons, as to whom a Bd. of Medical Survey, with my approval, shall be exhibited to you. If the Certificate of their accounts has not been also sent, You will require (by this order) that such transfer of accounts be sent forthwith.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
Henry Walker
Comdg U.S. Store Ship "Supply."

True copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

H. B. M. Ship Curlew
St Paul de Loanda,
January 24th 1860.

Sir

Before I am reading to hear, from
mile from the Steamer named
Mile of Pier, and place him and
his effects in charge of the H. B. M. Naval
Store keeper.

I am will transfer the Steer-
some Steamer to the "Argilia", with
their accounts and effects.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm. Brennan
Flag Officer,
Comdg H. B. M. African Squadron.

Commander,
Sir Bingay Radcliffe.
Comdg H. B. M. Store Ship "Luffield."

True Copy. N. Bandon Hamel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

H. B. M. Flag Ship Impérieuse
at Hyde Park Bermuda,
January 26th, 1862.

Sir,

On receiving this Post, You will be pleased to transfer to the Naval Store keeper the Small boat, Dingy of the "Indefatigable" with her full equipment of oars, rudder, boat-hooks, sails &c.—

If You wish to have a Dingy, You will exhibit this order to Commander Tatlow, who will immediately deliver to You, that of the "Monarch."

I am,

Your very obedient
humble Servant
Signed, Wm. Hewett
Flag Officer,
Commdg H. M. South African Squadron.

To
Commander
Commdg H. M. S. "Indefatigable"
at Bermuda

A true copy, Wm. Hewett
Flag Officer & Commdr.

H. M. Flag Ship "Constitution"
St. Paul de Loanda -
January 25th 1860.

Sir.

Now will proceed with the Store Ship "Supply" under your Command to New York in the Hope that you will convey to that port the Officers invalids and others that I have ordered to take passage in the "Supply."

On your arrival, you will make immediate report by letter, to the Department, and personally to the Commandant of the Station; those reports will accompany a Muster Roll of your Officers and Crew proper, and of each person not embraced therein, who may arrive in the "Supply."

Herewith You will receive a bag containing my dispatches, which You will be pleased to have quickly sent in charge of an Officer, to the Post Office, as well as the ordinary letter bags for the Squadron.

I wish for your Ship a safe and quick passage home.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed: Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg H. M. African Squadron.

Commander
Henry Walker
Comdg H. M. Store Ship "Supply."
St. Paul de Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda.
February 4th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Medical Surveys on persons sent home in the "Vincennes" from this station, and to request that they may be laid before the proper Authority.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

To
Commander
W. C. Cottenet,
Comdg U. S. Ship "Vincennes."
Loanda.

True Copy. A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

Memoranda of Medical Cases
of Ship's Company of U. S.
Ship "Vincennes" while on the
West Coast of Africa from the
1st of January 1859 to January
1860.

U. S. Flag Ships "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
January 24th 1860

Sir:

Captain John S. Nicholas of the "Constellation" will deliver over to you, the persons of Thomas Morgan, Captain and Byron S. Chamberlain and William Running, Mates of the Barque "Orion", late of New York, Captured (at Sea without Colors or papers, by the British Steamer "Pluto" and having 874 Negroes, African Slaves on board.

Captain Morgan, and Mates Chamberlain and Running, were surrendered by the British Authorities at St. Helena, upon my requisition, in accordance with the 10th Article of the Treaty of the 9th of August 1842.

You will provide suitably for the safety of those persons, as prisoners, on their way to the U. S. for trial, as pirates, according to our Laws. You will have such care taken for their sustenance and health as humanity demands. When at Sea, you will permit them to take exercise, under supervision of some responsible person, but they will always be separately and closely confined at night, and when your Vessel is in the neighborhood of Land, in irons, more especially in any Port, until they are given into the Charge of the Civil Authority.

On

Commander
B. S. Totten
Comdg U. S. Ship "Vincennes"
Loanda

On your arrival at Boston, you will anchor in the Stream, and remain there until you deliver to the U. S. Marshal for the District (Watson Freeman) or his Deputy these prisoners, and the names and Condition of the Witnesses; all which you will do as quickly as possible, by giving to the Marshal immediate information thereof; At which time you will cause to be given to him, by a Competent Officer, the letter and papers you receive herewith; for which, such Officer will ask and obtain from the Marshal a receipt.

It will, probably be advisable to have those prisoners under the especial charge of the Officer Commanding the Marine Guard, from the time you approach land, until after their delivery to the Marshal, which you will cause the Marine Officer, with a proper Guard, to do.

Mr. M. E. Vandell, Master's Mate, and James Briscoe, Seaman, both of the "Mystic," are transferred to the "Vincennes," to proceed to the U. S. as Witnesses, in the case of the Captain and two Mates of the "Orion." Mr. Vandell will probably satisfy the Marshal as to his forthcoming when required; but the Seaman, James Briscoe, may be confined in Goal this would perhaps be to him, very undesireable; and I mention it, that you may exert yourself to prevent it, by an understanding with the Marshal, that you will keep Briscoe, for a short time on board, until you see the Commandant of the Station, to whom you will please State the Case of Briscoe, who has a good Standing with Lieut. Comdg De Roy.

I hope that the Commandant may give an order that Briscoe may be received on board the Receiving Ship, under Special Surveillance, as a Witness to come before the U. S. District Court. If this is authorised, you will do well to place Briscoe, with his account, in the Receiving Ship, take for him a receipt, and inform the Marshal accordingly.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

True copy N. Vanden Hewel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation
St. Paul de Loanda
January 24th 1860

Sir:

Before proceeding to sea
you will be pleased to transfer to
the "Mystic" all your Officers, with
their accounts and effects.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
B. J. Totten
Comdg U. S. Ship "Vincennes."

True Copy. N. Marsden Blunt
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
January 24th 1860.

Sir.

When the "Vincennes" is ready for sea, you will proceed without loss of time, direct to Boston, in the United States.

On your arrival you will make immediate report thereof, by letter to the Navy Department, and personally, at your early convenience, to the Commander of the Station.

Your letter to the Department will be accompanied by a Muster Roll of your Officers and Crew proper, and of each person, not embraced therein, who may arrive in the "Vincennes."

Herewith, you will receive my dispatches, which you will be pleased to have quickly sent, in charge of an Officer, to the Post Office, with such letter bags as you may take for this Squadron.

I wish for your Ship a safe and quick passage home.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
B. J. Totten
Comdg U. S. Ship "Vincennes"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
January 23d 1860.

Sir.

You will be pleased to take on board the "Vincennes" provisions for three months, inclusive of the quantity on hand. You will fill up the Water, and prepare, with diligence, in all respects, for your departure for the United States.

You will receive on board, Mr. M. E. Wandell, Master's Mate, and James Briscoe, Seaman, transferred from the "Supply," to appear before the proper Legal Authority in the U. S., as Witnesses in the Case of the Captain and two Mates of the Barque "Orion."

Any requisition, or other reference to the Commander-in-Chief, must be made forthwith, as he will probably depart at an early day.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander,
B. J. Totten,
Comdg U. S. Ship "Vincennes".

True copy. A. Wandell Clerk
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U.S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Praya, October 7th 1859

Sir.

You will on receipt hereof fill up all provision and water, that the "Vincennes" can stow. You will take such other needed supplies as may be stored at Porto Praya. During the time this is employed, you will so place your Ships and employ your Ship's Company, that neither may be liable to injury, by reason of the insecurity and unhealthiness peculiar to Porto Praya at this season. You are probably justified in expecting an order to return with the "Vincennes" to the United States. Should you receive such an order, You will obey it, first leaving for me a Copy of such order, and your detailed report of the Service of your Ship under your last instructions from Flag Officer Isaacs. These, with all other usual and proper reports, you will send by some current Mail Steamer to St. Paul de Loando, addressed to me, Care of United States Consul, or by other Mail Steamers to Fernando Po. &c. &c. However, You receive no such Authority to return to the United States, by the time your Ship is entirely filled up, unless the Mail matter for the Squadron, by the Steamer due from England, at Porto Grande, 24th October inst, has been received at Porto Praya, or is known certainly to have gone forward to that port; You will proceed to Porto

Grande

Grande, receive such Mails, or wait therefor, not over, or about ten days. When you will proceed to Mooncria, enquire there for orders and immediately proceed to West Pos, Princes Island, where you will fill Water, and for a few days refresh your Ships Company. After which You will proceed in cruising along the Coast, to St Paul de Loando.

In your whole passage from Porto Praya, You will be guided by the General instructions furnished you by Flag Officer Conover, and You will be especially vigilant for Slavers in the neighborhood of the Congo, where you may fall in with the "Portsmouth," "San Jacinto," "Marion" or Flag Ship. In the latter event, your ship will, on an early suitable occasion, be rigidly inspected, by the Commander-in-Chief, in her exercises with all arms, by Officers and Crew, as well as at their Stations and exercises on board and in boats. A report whereof will be made to the Navy Department. Should you not meet me off the Congo, or be otherwise instructed by me, through one of the Vessels above named, You will make your way to St. Paul de Loando, where you will find the Flag Ship or further orders; in the absence of these, You will prepare for your return home by filling Water, Wood and provisions, if the latter have arrived, as by expected Store Ships at that port. You will then await further instructions and your final Orders.

I am, Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed Wm. Inman
Flag Officer, Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Commander
W. G. Dutton,
Comdg U. S. Ship "Vincennes."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

Note. If you do not receive at the Cape de Verd Islands orders to return to the United States, You will retain your Broomen until You receive such orders, or, if you have left them at Mooncria, You will on arriving there take on board the same number.

Signed Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Commander
B. J. Totten,
Comdg U. S. Ship "Vincennes"

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Ship of the Line "
At Sant de Sounda -
February 11th 1860.

Sir.

Soon will supply your Vessel and on the 20th inst. you will proceed to cruise on the South Coast, from Ambriz to Cape Lopez and arrive at West Bay Princes Island, by the 25th of March; have your Ship Watered and Wooded and ready to sail by the 29th.

The "Mystic" will bring to you the mails due March 28th for the "Constellation". Open my dispatches (in strict confidence), and if there be orders for the "Marion" to return home, inclose them, directed to Commander Brent, and send them by the "Mystic", which will await your dismissal, and you will not detain her, as she will not anchor.

You will then proceed to Porto Praia, where you may find orders, and take on board as much of the provision and stores of all kinds, which you may find good, as the "Portsmouth" can stow, and you will, without loss of time, cause an accurate Survey, according to Regulation, to be made of all the remaining public property whatever, disposing properly of what may be condemned; bring away what you can stow of the remainder of the good, and have an accurate inventory of the good, that you do not take - furnish to the Store keepers Clerk in Charge one Copy, and bring another

- to

Commander, John Colhoun
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth"
London

Commander J.
Comdg U.S. Sloop "Vincennes" (sailed for Cape of Good Hope)
With the Commodore's Instructions
1859 & 1860

&c &c.

In the mean time fill up your water, all which being accomplished with diligence, proceed to Porto Grande, St Vincent, and get from Capt^n Seagen + Officer, our Sub Coal Agents, an account (for me) of the Quantity of good Coal of the H.C. remaining on hand, with a Statement of their deliveries since my departure. From me any mails there for the Flag Ship, then make the best of your way to Funchal, Madeira, where you will find the Flag Ship or further orders.

If neither are there for you, and no public exigency prevent, you may remain at Madeira one month, to recruit the health of your Officers and Crew, which will be advisable after a Cruise of nearly a Year, much of that time on the South Coast of Africa. While thus recruiting, you will keep your Ship's Water filled up, and be otherwise ready to depart, which you will immediately do, when your exact month of Stay is expired.

You will then proceed to touch at Porto Grande for mails &c, then call at Porto Praia, and take on board what you can carry (without cramping your battery) of the remaining good Public Stores, with which you will return to Loanda, looking out well by the way for Slavers. At Loanda you will land in charge of the Naval Store Keeper, such surplus provisions or Stores, as you cannot conveniently carry, retaining, or receiving on board provisions for four months.

In the mean time you will fill up Water &c, and if not otherwise ordered, you will proceed to Cruise on the South Coast, from the Equator to Ambriz, during which look out towards the

— Close

Close of each month, for the H.C. Steamers to and from Fernando Po, to take and bring your Mails. You can inform yourself of their Ports and time for intercourse with each other, for mail purposes.

You will find Supplies of all kinds at Loanda, which you will return in time when needed. While the Portsmouth is in the Northern part of the Station, as well as on all other occasions, you will afford every proper protection to the interests of the Citizens of the U.S., as directed by my General Orders.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U.S. African Squadron

True Copy. H. Bruden Hammet
Flag Officers Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Port Praya, February 2nd 1860.

Sir.

You will be pleased to bring to Madeira all the Mails whatever for the "Constellation" and "San Jacinto," and you will ask for such from any of the Squadron whenever you meet them.

You will act upon the orders from the Department for the "Marion", as directed in my letter of the 11th inst. or as Lieut. Comdg Le Roy may inform you.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signd, Wm Inman.
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander.
John Colhoun,
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth."

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel.
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
January 24th 1860

Sir:

You will require and receive from the Naval Store keeper as much provision, as will make your supply good for four Months, inclusive of the quantity on board. You will also fill up your Water and keep it so, in readiness for an immediate order for Service, Which you may expect, as well as to be thoroughly inspected, as soon as the Flag Ship arrives.

I am,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
J. W. Brent.
Comdg U. S. Ship "Marion."

True copy, A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Special Orders
Ships Portsmouth
Flag Ship Constellation
1860.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, January 26th 1860

Sir.

I have received from Acting Master Hilburn B. Hall, of the "Marion", a request for a Medical Survey upon himself, for disability by disease of his eyes.

If the Surgeon of the "Marion" recommends a Medical Survey upon Mr. Hall, You will be pleased to present the enclosed order to Passed Assistant Surgeon Wm. B. Harrison of the "Mystic", who will cause the Survey upon Mr. Hall to be held.

Should that Survey recommend any measure for Mr. Hall, requiring his return to the U. S, You will cause Mr. Hall to receive the order sent herewith, which he will exhibit to Commander B. J. Totten, who will furnish him a passage in the "Vincennes" to the United States.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander,
S. W. Brent.
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Marion"
At Sea.

True Copy A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St Paul de Loanda,
February 10th 1865

Sir.

Having received on board the "Marion", under your command, Water, provisions and Stores for four months, you will proceed to Sea, and you will cruise, under your instructions, between the extreme Southern edge of the Congo, near Cape Padron and Dundy Point.

As it is probable that orders may soon arrive for your return to the United States, I have made arrangements to enable you to receive them, as early as possible, after the arrival of the Mails due at Fernando Po, 28th February, March, and April, - to this end, you may expect at Bahia Fonda one of the Steamers "Mystic", "Mohican" or "Sumpter," on the 6th of those months, until your orders reach you. Those orders will probably come out addressed to me, but you will receive them open; and make a copy therefrom, then enclose the original to me, to be sent to Loanda, Care of the Naval Store Keeper, together with your report on Service.

Upon receipt of your orders to return

- to

Commander
T. W. Brent
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Marion".
Loanda.

N. B. If you will provide provisions for two months, which, if needed, get with Water, at Loanda, you will then proceed to Bonavista, Mayo, at once the Superintendent may procure, take the necessary Water and Wood, and discharge your Transport people. You will be pleased, then to proceed to the Port in the U. S. indicated in the order for your return; and report your arrival to the Navy Department.

I wish for yourself and your Officers a safe and swift voyage home and a happy meeting with your friends.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

True copy. R. Wainwright Hamlet
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St Paul de Loanda,
February 11th 1863.

Sir:

If you find on visiting the U. S. Steamer "Mohican" before you receive orders to proceed with the "Marion" to the U. S., you will present the inclosed order to the Commander of the "Mohican", who will deliver to you any dispatches from the Navy Department.

You will be pleased to examine the address of each letter, as, in the case of the "Vincennes" your orders may be directed to you as well as to me. Such one you will of course open; and if none so directed be found, you are authorized, in Official Confidence, to open the others. All which you will be pleased to seal up again with care, and the whole will be again given in charge of the Commander of the "Mohican". I have elsewhere informed you as to sending your Report of Service &c.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
C. W. Abbot
Comdg U. S. Corp. "Marion".
Loanda.

True copy R. Wainwright Hamlet
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation
February 3rd 1862.

Sir:

You will be pleased to proceed as passage to the U. S. in the "Marion", Lt. James Plunkett, 3d Assistant Engineer, detached from the U. S. Steamer "Mystic". U.S

If you fall in with the Sloop "Portsmouth" you will inform Commander Colhoun that he may take on board the "Portsmouth" from the Supernumerary Firemen that are on board the "Marion", as many as will make up the deficit in his Complement of Men, say five (5) - provided such as he would select as serviceable, are willing to serve on board the "Portsmouth".

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
T. W. Brent.
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Marion".

Note. The authority contained in my letter of the 11th inst., for you to open my dispatches, applies to all such that may reach you, until you receive orders, or a copy of them, to return home. On receipt of such orders you will be pleased promptly to give written Official notice thereof, to the Commanders of each of the Steamers "Mohican", "Mystic" and "Dumpfie"; and

- You

Orlr. Confidential

H.M. Frigate "Constantine"

At Sea, January 4th 1812.

Sir,

In pursuance of the public communications which have subsisted between the U.S. and Great Britain, it is possible that those may result in war, of which one may not hear immediately.

In conducting the duty assigned to you herein, you will have regard to this circumstance. You will endeavor to keep on hand a supply of provisions and water for three months. Which you will fill up as often as may consist with your other orders, and the Caution enjoined herein.

When in the vicinity of foreign vessels of war you will be prepared, not only to resist to the utmost, but by a wary and timely movement to prevent Capture by a Superior force. You will use every means in your power, to be constantly informed of the Condition of our foreign relations. And after you are satisfied that war has taken place, between the U.S. and Great Britain, you will, as promptly as possible, make what preparation is indispensably necessary for a Voyage to the U.S.; and you are in that event of war, authorised to return home, without further orders. You will lose no time by the way, except when it may be necessary to defend your Vessel, or to annoy the enemy, having regard to the necessity for reaching the U.S.

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(Orlr. Confidential
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At Sea, January 4th 1812.
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— As

(Sd.) Jno Erskine
Flag Lieu
Commdg at the Cape of Good Hope Squadron

Copies Letter
Sent "Melville"
for Secrety Admiralty
1812.

as soon as practicable.

I am,

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) [illegible]

Flag Officer

Commdg H. M. S. African Squadron

True Copy, Hamilton Lennox

Flag Officer's Secretary.

— Order —

H. M. Ships "Constitution"

At Sea, 1st February, 1861.

West Coast of Africa.

Stations for Steamers "Mystic", "Mohican" and "Sampson" for Cruising, Coaling, &c. &c.

Northern Coaling and Mail Station.

Fernando Po, where the mails are due and depart on the 28th of every month.

Southern Coaling and provision Station.

Loanda.

Watering Stations.

Fernando Po, Cabenda and Loanda.

Cruising Stations.

No 1. From Cape Lopez to Point Pedros.

No 2. From Point Pedros to Loango Bay.

No 3. From Loango Bay to Bahia Fonda.

Points of intersaction, for exchanging Stations & delivery of Mails.

Point Pedros and Loango Bay.

The Steamer on No 1, will thus communicate twice monthly at Point Pedros, with Steamer on Station No 2, the latter Steamer will thus communicate at Loango Bay with Steamer on Station No 3.

Time of meeting for Mails going North.

The Steamer on No 3, will deliver Mails on the morning of the 18th of each month, at Loango Bay to the Steamer on No 2.

Which will positively leave Loango Bay by 1 P.M. on the 18th of each month; and will deliver those Mails by 4 P.M. on the 20th of each month at Point Pedros, to Steamer on No 1.

The Steamer on No 1, will positively leave Point Pedros by 6 P.M. on the 20th of each month, with the Mails for Fernando Po.

— Time

Time of meeting for mails going South.

The Steamer on No 1, will deliver mails on the 2nd of each month at 6 P.M. at Point Lucas to Steamer on No 2.

The latter will positively leave Point Lucas immediately on arrival and receipt of mails from Fernando Po. not later than 6 P.M, on the 2nd of each month.

The Steamer on No 3 will receive mails brought from Fernando Po, at Loango Bay, by Steamer on No 2, which is due there on the 3rd of each month at 8 A.M.

The Steamer on No 1, when receiving mails at Fernando Po, will pay any postage due there for the mails of any Officer of the Squadron, of which the Purser of that Steamer will keep an accurate account, to be settled with the Purser of the Vessel in which such Officer is serving. If the British Consul, (Post Master) at Fernando Po, desires to send mails for H.M.'s Vessels, they will be brought away, and given (by desire of the British Senior Officer) to any of H.M.'s Ships, that any H. M. Steamer having such mails may meet. If none are met, such British mails will be passed along to the Steamer on No 3, and sent by first safe conveyance; and if none such offers will be carried to Loanda, only when Coaling, and without detention be given to the British Consul, from whom a receipt will be asked therefor. Like facilities for transmission of mails will be given to the Officials of other Governments and to American Merchants; but these Convenancies must in no wise conflict with the instructions herein issued.

The Steamers, thus on their way for and with mails, will continue their vigilance as cruisers, and, on meeting, will impart to each other (written) information that they may acquire as to suspected Vessels. Such information will be previously prepared, and all arrangements must result in the least concentration consistent with vigilant Cruising between the North and South points of the Station.

— Stations

Stations.

The "Mystic" will occupy Station No 1, until the 1st of May, and will receive at Fernando Po, the mails due there 28th February, March and April and then go to Station No 3.

The "Mohican" will occupy Station No 2, until the 1st of May. She will then occupy Station No 1 and will receive at Fernando Po, the mails due the 2nd of May, June and July, and will then occupy Station No 3, until the 1st of November.

The Steamer "Sunspitch" will occupy Station No 3, until the 1st of May, when She will occupy No 2, until the 1st of August. She will then assume Station No 1, receive at Fernando Po, mails due on the 30th of August, September and October, and will then occupy Station No 3.

The "Mystic" will leave Station No 3 on the 1st of August and occupy Station No 2, until the 1st of November.

Coal, Provision and Water Stations.

The Steamer on No 1, will Coal and Water at Fernando Po. those on Nos 2 & 3 at Loanda.

All the Steamers will receive provision at Loanda when necessary, and to accord with my instructions, they will always take Coal and Water at the same time, but the time allowed for both these objects inclusive, is strictly limited to five days, when they will again return to their Station.

The Steamer on No 2, will arrive at Loanda to fill up provision, exactly two weeks previous to assuming Station No 1.

The Steamers may take water, when needed, at Cabenda, or elsewhere on their Stations.

The Commanders of each of the Steamers "Mohican", "Mystic" and "Sunspitch", are to be understood as acting

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under the immediate orders of the Commander-in-Chief, to whom they will address their reports of service, by each monthly mail, care of Mr. Hutchinson, British Consul and Post Master at Fernando Po, who is instructed how to forward them. Those reports will be written and enveloped on light paper.

The Commanders of those Steamers will have the relation to each other required above, but their responsibility being separate, so will their Command be totally independent each of the other.

(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Commander-in-Chief
N. S. African Squadron

True copy A. Vanden Heuvel.
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Order for Steamers.

H. M. Flag Ship Constantia
St. Paul de Loanda
February 6th 1860.

The Steamers of this Squadron, when receiving Coal of the United States in deposit at Loanda, will employ as Laborers their own Seamen only. Their Commanders will not approve or pay bills for any other Labor. The Coaling must be performed by their men, of the Complement proper.

The Labor on shore will commence not later than 6 A. M. and will be continued until Sun-down.

When Coal is purchased, this rule may be modified in effect, if necessary.

(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Commander-in-Chief
N. S. African Squadron

True copy, A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constitution
Bay of Gibraltan
February 1st 1860.

No. 2.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith Mr. H. S. Wardell's Master's Mate, and Seven Petty Officers Certificates of Service, as witnessed against said Wardell on the Charges & Specifications preferred by me, and William Browning Master, of the Ship Union late of New York.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Signed. W^m Glendenin
Flag Officer.
Commdg U. S. Naval Forces in Spanish Waters.

Secretary of the Navy
Washington City
Commdg U. S. Steamer "Mystic"
Boston.

True copy of Original Record
Flag Officers Secretary.

Letter Commdg
W^m Glendenin
Flag Officer
Commdg U. S. Naval Forces
in Spanish Waters
Feby 1st 1860.
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U. S. Navy Yard Charlestown
Mt Vernon Co. Massa.
January 29th 1851

Sir:

You are hereby transferred to the U. S. Ship "Vincennes" on which vessel you will proceed to the West. as a witness in the case of the Captain Morgan, and Mates Chamberlain and Downing, of the Barque "Union" late of New York.

Upon your arrival you will report to the Navy Department, and until otherwise ordered, you will be governed by the directions of Commander Totten, the Commandant of the Navy Yard at Boston.

You will forthwith place yourself in communication with the Marshal, Watson Freeman of the District, and arrange with him for your appearance before the legal authorities when called for.

James Briscoe Seaman, late of the "Mystic" whom you know, returns in the "Vincennes" to Boston, as a Witness also. You will have a proper care for him, and direct Commander Totten, if desired, to have Briscoe sent to the Receiving Ship, under Special Surveillance, rather than a Gaol, which might otherwise be the case, as usual.

Yours,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
(Signd) Wm Inman,
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

H. E. Wandell
Master's Mate, U. S. N.
U. S. Steamer Mystic.

True Copy, H. Wandell Steward
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constitution
Bay of Rio de Janeiro
January 2nd 1851

Sir:

I send the Marion or, "Wm Sumner" during my absence, from this port, you will be pleased to deliver to Lieut Commanding Officer the dispatches I have sent to you for them. You will of course deliver that for the "Mohican" while she is still undergoing repairs at the same time you will keep in her Commanders, my order "that previous to anchoring, he will read the final clause of my instructions of this date.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Signed Wm Inman
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut. Comdg,
Wm E. Le Roy
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mystic."

True copy S. Vanden Bemden
Flag Officers Secretary.

H.M.S. "Egyptienne"
at Sea
January 24th 1861

Sir,

I am directed by the Admiral to forward herewith for your information a Copy of a Letter from the Secretary of the Admiralty, and to request you will direct the Officers of Vessels under your command to be guided by the instructions contained therein.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Tennant
Flag Lieut.
To
Comdg H.M. African Squadron

Lieut. Comdg
Wm. C. Le Hoy
Comdg H.M.S. "Teazer" "Cygnet"
&c &c &c

A true copy. H. Tandem Maunsell
Flag Officer Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constitution
St. Paule de Loanda
February 4th 1862

Sir:

You will be pleased to transfer forthwith, to the "Marion" all the Prisoners (Supernumeraries) now on board the "Mystic" with their effects.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
(Signed, Wm. Inman)
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut. Comdg
Wm. B. Le Roy,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mystic"
Loanda

True copy. A. Manton Heard
Flag Officer's Secretary

H.M. Flag Ship Impregnable
at St. Paul de Loanda
February 1st 1859.

Sir,

You will proceed with the Vigilant to Lea, and you will cruise under your sail in Blinderas, endeavouring thereby to the more strictly maintain by watching the various points suspected of the embarkation of Slaves. You will endeavor to come upon such points, when you may be least expected, if possible to intercept Vessels while in the act of shipping Slaves, as they quickly leave the Coast afterwards.

You will time your movements so as to arrive at Cabinda, Pinnanda &c, by, or before, the 24th inst. You will then lose no time in Coaling; after which, if the mail is not already due, you will anchor outside in Security - making your arrangements so as to leave that port quickly after you can receive the mails for the Squadron, due 28th inst, with these you will join, or await, the Flag Ship at West Bay, Ambriz roads, where you will keep your Water filled up.

It is important that the Flag Officer may not be detained at West Bay, You will, therefore, be pleased, on leaving this port, to have provisionally made and understood

Lieut. Condy
Wm. E. Le Roy
Comd'g H. M. Steamer "Mystic".

instructed by them properly to be informed, as to arrangements for sending away a prize, with or without slaves. To this end you will select the Officer, prepare in blank exact and full instructions - See my General Order of 14th October 1859, in short provide in every way to save time, by forecast.

If upon joining the "Mohican" you will deliver to her Commander the two papers addressed to him, and you will inform him that you were ordered to direct his first attention to that marked "Immediate," and that you are on urgent Service. You will then receive from the "Mohican," with the last packet from the West Coast for the Mediterranean, which you will deliver on board his ship, at West Bay.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg H. B. M. African Squadron.

Lieut. Comdg
Wm E. Le Roy,
Comdg H. B. M. Steamer "Mystic"
Loanda

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

H. B. M. Flag Ship "Centurion"
at Loanda, February 2nd 1860.

Sir,

I enclose a copy of my order to Comdr Bowden M.c Keough, of the "Dauntless", by which you will be guided, in so far as it applies to the transmission of mails, and signals for meeting, until the "Mohican" shall have finished the 2nd month of Cruising on her Stations, as per the Schedule.

Upon your receipt of the Packets on the 28th March and April, you will be pleased to forward (pre-pay) all my letters, and first address them to Care of Mr. Consul Hutchinson, Fernando Po, also Capt H. M. Consuls, Funchal, Madeira.

The order for the return home of the "Marion," you will retain, and send by the Connecting Steamer to her Commander. No letters whatever addressed to me will be forwarded to Madeira later than the 28th of May next.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg H. B. M. African Squadron.

Commanding
W. E. Le Roy
Comdg H. B. M. Steamer "Mystic",

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel.
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Port Play, Terceira Island,
February 29th 1860.

Sir:

You will proceed to deliver the mails, except those for the "Potomac" & the "Dolphin" at Mayumba, as per order of the 10th inst, to Lieut. Comdg McDonough, & that Vessel, a copy of which order is furnished you herewith. You will at the same time deliver to Lieut. Comdg McDonough the dispatch for Commander Brent, of the "Marion," and you will also thus send to her Assistant Engineer James Plunkett, with the transfer of his account.

Upon your receipt of the mails due at Clarence, March 28th, you will examine my dispatches on the exterior, if there be any that are also addressed to Commander C. W. Brent, you will please open that one only. But if there be none thus directed, You will be pleased, in Strict Official Confidence, to open each of the other dispatches until you find an order for the "Marion" to return home - which you will please copy precisely and Certify. You will re-seal with care the opened dispatches, all which, with my private letters, you will please direct care of Mr. Hutchinson, also to care of the American Consul, Funchal, Madeira, to whom please forward and pre-pay them,

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Lieut. Comdg
Wm E. LeRoy,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Keystone"

by the same mail of the 28th March.

You will thereafter, immediately proceed to West Bay, Grand Island, where you will find the "Portsmouth" to whose Commander you will deliver all the remaining mails for that Vessel, the "Constellation" and "Saint Lucia". You will not anchor, but you will briefly inform Commander Colhoun as to the orders for Commander Grant. The copy you may have made, you will address to Commander Grant, and send to him from Mayumba by the "Sumpter," but if you have not found those orders, you will be pleased to take the same course in searching my dispatches, due April 28th at Clarence. Those re-enclosed dispatches and my private letters you will pre pay and forward to Funchal as before.

If the "Mohican" does not take her Station, by the Schedule, in time to receive the mails due 28th May, the "Mystic" will on that day receive the mails; and if no orders are previously received for the return home of the "Marion", you will be pleased to act as before, to find them, forwarding by the same mail (as before) and for the last time, my public and private (prepaid) letters to Funchal. But if the "Mohican" does receive the mails on the 28th May, her Commander will be properly instructed thereon.

The "Mystic" will continue the mail service to and from Fernando Po, until the "Mohican" takes her place according to the Schedule; and you will inform Lieut. Commdg McDonough, in either alternative.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Thomas
Flag Officer,
Commdg H. M. Ships in Madeira.

True copy. A. Marsden Kennet
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Special Orders
Steamer "Sumpter"
4th Monthly Examination
– 1860 –

U. S. Flag Ship "Constitution"
St. Paul de Loanda,
January 12th 1860.

Sir.

You will proceed with the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter" under your Command, direct to Clarence Cove in the Island of Fernando Po.

You will keep a vigilant look out on the way for Vessels you may suspect to be engaged in the Slave trade. You may give Chase to such Vessels, and during such Chase you are at liberty to increase your Speed within safe limits. Except when in Chase, unless otherwise directed, You will consume, as heretofore, only 5 to 6 tons of Coal per day, which will give the "Sumpter" an average Speed of 5 Knots per hour.

On your arrival at Clarence, You will forthwith advise the U. S. Agent, Mr. Lyndsager, or, if he is absent, his representative, of the exact quantity of Coal you require to fill up, which you will do as promptly as possible, employing for that purpose all your Steamers in Loading, towing and every duty connected therewith, except hoisting on board. In the mean time you will deliver your Mails to Mr. Hutchinson, British Consul, and Post Master, from whom you will inform yourself of all details as to the Mails due 28th inst. So that you may understand how to manage advan=tageously to receive them without delay.

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Lieut. Comdg
Charles S. McDonough,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Sumpter" – Loanda.

while under way, after they arrive in the harbor. You will pay the bills of expenses for taking coal, which bills will shew the amount you receive, also the amount estimated to be remaining on hand, after you have taken coal. One copy of those bills will be sent to the Commander-in-Chief, upon your return to his presence, or with your other reports, when he may be absent.

Accompanying this is a "Circular Order" as to postage, a copy of which is furnished to Mr. Hutchinson, to whom you will supply the bags he may need, necessary to receive the mails, on your first meeting him, the remaining bags you will retain on board; and report their number to me on your return hither.

As soon as your coal is filled, which should be on or before the 24th, you will at once move the "Sumpter" outside the harbor, and anchor to seaward of the reef, which you pass on entering Clarence Cove. Where the "Sumpter" laid safely on a former visit.

Enquire on your first visit to Mr. Hutchinson on what day the Mail Steamer is due, and when that time is near at hand, you will light your fires and be ready to enter the port with the Mail Steamer; which you will do. If your passengers (Officers) are still on board, having while outside made every preparation, you will, without loss of time, land those passengers and their baggage, on board the Mail Steamer, or on shore, as they may prefer. You will at the same time receive all the mails for the Squadron, and for H. M. Majesty's service, if Mr. Hutchinson desires to send such. These last you will deliver to any of H. M's Vessels you meet on your way back, unless they may prefer you to bring them to this place.

After you leave Fernando Po, you will take an early occasion, in broad daylight, to assort the mails into separate bags, to be labelled for the several Vessels of our Squadron - but this you must do by yourself, and with the greatest care, to prevent loss and confusion. Doing this yourself and alone, you will be certain of the proper distribution - then have the labelled bags well sewed up and deliver any such to the proper Vessel, if you meet them on your return. You will also quickly settle with the Purser of such Vessel, the account for any postage you may have paid, which you will prepare while assorting the mails at sea.

If you meet the "Mystic", "Marion", "Vincennes" or "Mohican," you will inform yourself if such Vessel has been in Company with the Flag Ship since last "September", and, if not, you will deliver, as from me, an order to the Commander of such Vessel to make the best of his way, forthwith, to this place.

You will comply with the strict letter of these orders, from which you will not diverge, by the Command

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of any Officer, or for the Commission of any fraud.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation
St. Paul de Loanda
February 4th 1860

Sir.

You will forthwith make the proper requisitions to complete your provisions for four months; fill up your coal and water, lose no time therein, and report ready for sea.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut. Comdg
C. S. McDonough
Comdg U. S Steamer "Kimpton",
Loanda.

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Ship Jumpter
St. Paul de Loanda
February 10th 1860.

Sir:

You have reported that the refitting necessary to put the "Jumpter" in good order for service, will be fully completed in three weeks from your last arrival on this port. That time will have expired on the 15th inst.

You will keep your water filled up, and on the 18th of January inst: you will leave Loanda and proceed to cruise under my General instructions. You will observe, however, that the Steamer "Mohican" is not due to take her position, according to the Schedule, therefore, until her arrival, you will cruise from Bahia Fonda to Mayumba. You will deliver mails to the "Mystic" on the 18th of each month at Mayumba, at which place you will receive Mails from the "Mystic" on the 2d of each month. You will at once proceed South with the mail you have thus received.

The "Marion" will cruise from Cape Padron Southerly, until she returns home. She will await your arrival with Mails at Bahia Fonda on the 6th of each month at which time you will also deliver the bag for Loanda, to the boat or vessel sent by the American Merchants thereof. That bag will probably be addressed to the British

Lieut. Comdg
Charles S. McDonough
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Jumpter" Loanda

British Consuls at Loanda. You will receive in like manner on the 14th at Bahia Fonda the Mail from the "Marion" and the Loanda bag, which you will deliver on the 18th to the "Mystic" at Mayumba.

The Mexican will not carry in either direction the mails within the Calendar month of her arrival on the Station, but will commence regularly the entire tour of duty prescribed, within the next Calendar month. You will therefore, continue the above recited mail arrangement accordingly, and in all cases when the three Steamers are in position, the Loanda Mails bag will be carried to and from Bahia Fonda, or as provided in my General order.

In the event of serious sickness occurring on board the "Sumpter", you will advise me thereof in your next succeeding monthly report of service, elsewhere ordered to be sent to the British Consul, Post Master) at Fernando Po.

I am,

Very respectfully

Your obt. Svt.

(Signed) Wm Inman

Flag Officer,

Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

True copy. A. Vanden Kemel

Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship Sumpter

Feb'ry 24th 1863

Sir:

By the Schedule of service for Steamers, the "Sumpter" will receive at Fernando Po. the mails due there on the 28th of August, September and October next.

You will ask for and receive all of the mails lying over and due 28th of August. You will then proceed to West Bay, Princes Island, where you will find the Flag Ship; or if she is not there, you will wait for her until the evening of the 10th of September, when you will proceed in accordance with the Ordinary, and continue to do so until further orders.

I am,

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Svt.

(Signed) Wm Inman

Flag Officer,

Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut. Comdg

Charles F. McDonough

Comdg U. S. Steamer "Sumpter".

Note. My Servant, Jarvis G. Farrar, having been discharged, and been absent in my service, will probably return to Fernando Po. by Mail Steamer due there 28th September, or later, or October next. If he presents himself you will at once re-enlist him, as a Seaman, in my service; and you will provide him with a passage to join the

Flag

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St Paul de Loanda
January 16th 1860

Sir:

First Lieutenant John F. T. Brooke, Senior Marine Officer of the Squadron, Commanding the Guard of the Flag Ship "Constellation" has recommended that Orderly Sergeant Hendricks be transferred from this Ship to the "Supply", that he may return to the U. S.; as his services will probably be necessary to Captain Isaac J. Doughty, in the settlement of his accounts with the Quarter Master's Department. You will, therefore, be pleased to transfer Orderly Sergeant Hendricks to the Store Ship "Supply."-

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John T. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Ship "Constellation"

True copy, A. Vandenhuevel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Special Orders
Steamer "Marion"
4th Monthly Examination.
-1860-

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Port de Leanka
January 16th 1860.

Sir,

First Lieutenant Wm. N. T. Grimes, Senior Marine Officer of the Squadron, Commanding the Guard of the Flag Ship "Constellation" has recommended that Orderly Sergeant Hendricks be transferred from this Ship to the "Supply", that he may return to the U. S., as his services will probably be necessary to Captain Isaac T. Doughty, in the settlement of his accounts with the Quarter Master's Department. You will, therefore, be pleased to transfer Orderly Sergeant Hendricks to the Store Ship "Supply."-

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John F. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Ship "Constellation."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

Port de Leanka

Signed Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

True copy. Alexander Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

Official Copies
Returned Enclosed
Lieut. Commdg
4th Monthly Examination.
-1860-

U. S. Ship "Constellation"
St Jago de Cuba
January 24th 1861

Sir:

You are to proceed in charge of prisoners on board the Brig U. S. Ship "Vincennes" in charge of her Commander, Lieut. Otter U.S.N. the persons of Thomas Morgan Captain, and Pilgrim S. Chamberlain and William Manning, Mates, of the Barque "Union" of New York, surrendered by the Governor of the Island of St. Helena, to the United States for trial as pirates under their laws. You will also send with them their personal effects.

Very
Resp'y Your Ob't Serv't
Chas. Ogle Flag Officer
Senior Officer
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John S. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Ship "Constellation"
Loanda

True copy. A. Marden Bennett
Flag Officer's Secretary.

No 1 Flag Ship Constellation
at Anchor in Loanda
January 26th 1860

Sir,

I am still forced at present with the Constellation under your command, and after leaving the Harbor, stand off to the Westward, until out of sight of land, at which time the after movements of the Ships will be determined by Secret directions.

I am to be pleased to be in Loanda Harbor again, on the 5th of February.

During the interval the Congo will only be entered on its extreme Southern Margin, near the Mouth, so as not to be obliged to oppose its Current in returning to the South.

I shall be pleased to hear any suggestions you may wish to make, so to the profitable use of the time above indicated.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U.S. African Squadron.

Hamilton
Lieut. Nicholas
Comdg U.S. Ship "Constellation"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation
Off Port de Loanda
February 16th 1862

Sir

You will be pleased to proceed to Sea with the Constellation, under your Command. You will arrive on the 4th inst. at West Bay, Grand Canary Island.

If time permits in the interval, you will call at the Island of Porto Bono, Also at that of St. Thomas

Be pleased to keep the Vigilance usual in Cruising for Slavers will be kept up.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Commdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John S. Nicholas,
Commdg U. S. Ship "Constellation"
Loanda

True Copy, A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Navy Str's "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island.
February 29th 1860.

Sir:

You will proceed with the "Constellation" to Porto Grande, St. Vincent, Cape de Verd Islands. I desire to send dispatches from thence by the first mail, You will therefore be pleased to make that anchorage, as early as may be practicable.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed Wm Inman

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Captain
John S. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Ship "Constellation"
West Bay.

True copy. N. Vanden Kemel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation," Porto Praia
~~Porto Grande~~, ~~St. Vincent~~, Cape de Verds
March 28th 1860.

Transfer of Officers in the African Squadron,
by Flag Officer Wm. Inman, Commander-in-Chief,
since those ordered January 11th 1860.
From the
Sloop "Constellation" - Midshipman & Marius Schoonmaker,
February 11th 1860, to the Sloop "Portsmouth."

Sloop "Vincennes" - Lieutenant J. W. A. Nicholson,
January 24th 1860, to the Store Ship "Supply."

Store Ship "Supply" - Lieutenant R. B. Ricle, January
24th 1860, to the Sloop "Vincennes."

Steamer "Mystic" - Masters Mate M. C. Randell, January
19th 1860, to the Store Ship "Supply". Mr. Randell was
again transferred, January 21st 1860, to the "Vincennes",
to accompany, as a Witness, the Captain and Mates
of the "Onion," Sent to the U. S. for trial.
3d Assistant Engineer James Plunkett ordered
February 13th 1860, to be transferred to the Sloop "Marion," for
a passage to the U. S. having resigned, as to which, Special
report, dated February 13th 1860, has been made to the
Navy Department.

Steamer "Sumpter", Masters Mate — Wheeler,
February 11th 1860, to the Sloop "Portsmouth", to be
sent
Home.

Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington D.C.

Special Orders
Sloop "Constellation"
4th Monthly Examination.
1860.

sent on board her prize, the Brigantine "Virginian", to assist in conducting her to the United States.

Steamer San Jacinto. Carpenter Texas Dibble, ordered by Medical Survey to return to the United States. Transferred November 30th 1859, to the Store Ship "Supply". Omitted in report of transfers, dated January 11th 1860. -

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

U. S. Flag Ship Wabash, Port Royal Harbor,
~~Porto Grande, St Vincent~~, Cape de Verd Islands,
March 28th 1862.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward enclosed duplicates and 53 of my letters No. 46, 48, and 49 ~~and~~ 50, 51 also duplicate copy of my letter dated February 11th 1862, addressed to Commodore Wm. Edmondston, Comdg U. S. M's Naval Forces on the South Coast.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
S. F. Du Pont
Flag Officer.
Comdg So. I. African Squadron

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

Original
Duplicate

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constitution"
Porto Praia, Cape de Verds
March 29th 1860.

Sir:

I avail myself of the immediate departure, of the Brigantine "Shibboleth" hence for Boston; to inform the Department, that the Constellation, arrived here yesterday, 28 days from Princes Island, light winds having prevailed. The Officers and Crew are all well.

This Ship, will take on board, as much as She can stow, of the provision and Stores, remaining in deposit here. She will, also, receive water, all which, will probably be done, by the 2d of April next. I shall then, sail for Madeira direct.

I am informed, by our Consul here, that the Steamers "Mohican" and "San Jacinto," were supplied with Coal, from our deposit, at Porto Grande, St. Vincent, Cape de Verd Islands; and sailed thence, about the 20th of February last. the former for Monrovia, and the South Coast. the latter for Cadiz. The Officers and Crews, of those Vessels, were reported to be well.

I have sent by the Mail Packet, to Porto Grande, for the mails of the Squadron; these will be received, in about 4 days. Any Communications from the Department thus brought, will be acknowledged, by the next opportunity.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
DC

Dept. May 19. 1860

Done
May 16

9 May 11. Hoy

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
April 20th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the Department, of the arrival of the "Constellation" at this Port to-day, 17 days from Porto Praia - All well.

The "Constellation" sailed hence on the 3d September, 1859, and has been actively employed, mostly at Sea, on the South Coast, since that time.

It has become necessary, to examine and make good her Caulking, and general repair, to stand for the remainder of the Cruise. She will not return here, until its termination, advantage is therefore taken, of this occasion, to remedy any defects, which require it.

In the mean time, the health of the Officers and Crew, which had been enfeebled, will be strengthened, by absence from Loanda, at the unhealthy (rainy) season, which exists, during the Months, of March, April, May and June.

The visits to Loanda, of the other Vessels of the Squadron, to procure provision or Coal, have been limited to five days, during that season; which strongly contrasts with

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

with the wood and bracing ale, the experience
here.

On advising with Purser Hambleton, p
the supply of funds, for the Squadron, I ascer
that, it is not practicable, to cash Bills, for a
sufficient sum, at any other of the ports I
have yet visited. I have therefore, directed
an Amount, be, realized here, to suffice for
Squadron, for a sufficient time to come.

I will have the honor, to make further
report, by the, next mail, by which time, the
"Portsmouth," will probably have arrived, from
Porto Praia, when I expect to receive from h
reports of Survey, and Inventory of the Good
Stores, remaining there, after She has taken
on board, as much as She can stow.

In order to have Space, on board the Tr
Ships and "Portsmouth," to take away the remai
of the Stores from Porto Praia, those Vessels
Loanda, with the smallest supply, which
was safe to have. The very considerable amo
of Bread, stored at Porto Praia, found to b
good, and that will remain good, after bei
re-baked, will be very timely as a supply, fo
these two largest Vessels, of the Squadron. T
Bread landed, by the Store Ship "Supply," at
Loanda, required immediate re-baking, a
the quantity, may barely supply, the "Mari
and Steamers, until the arrival of another
Store Ship, of which I am not yet advised

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Ob't. Servant

Wm. W.

Flag Officer,
Comd'g U. S. African Squadron

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
April 23d 1860

Sir:

I have the honor to report, the arrival of the "Constellation" at this port, on the 20th instant - All well.

By the orders (copies enclosed) which I have issued, to Captain Thomas A. Conover, U. S. N. and to Lieut. Comdg James P. Armstrong, Commanding U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto", the Department will perceive, that its orders, for the change in that Command, are to be carried out, as early as possible.

I have heard, unofficially, that the "San Jacinto", touched at Santa Cruz, Teneriffe, on her way from Porto Grande, to Cadiz, where her arrival, is mentioned in the private advices, of a resident at Madeira. No Official report, from her, has reached me, since she left Porto Grande.

I respectfully request, to be instructed, as early as may be convenient, as to the intention of the Department, for the duty, to be assigned, to Lieut: Comdg James P. Armstrong, after he is relieved, in Command of the "San Jacinto."

With my original letter, No 33, dated Loanda, January 11th 1860, I transmitted to the Department, a report of the transfers, made in the Squadron, to that date. With my

- Original

Hon:
Isaac Toucey,
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D.C.

original letter No 34, dated Loanda, January
1860, I forwarded to the Department, a Copy
of my letter of Appointment, for Lieut: Comdg
James F. Armstrong, subject to Approval by the
Navy Department, to Command the "San Jacinto"
I transmitted at the same time, a Copy of my
letter of Appointment for Lieut: Charles C. Mc
Keough, subject to Approval by the Navy De
=partment, to Command the Steamer "Sumpter"

I respectfully submit herewith, for the
information of the Department, the names and
position, of the six Senior Lieutenants, in this
Squadron, with their relative rank.

If Lieut: Comdg Armstrong, resumes
the Command of the "Sumpter", will the De
=partment, be pleased to order, the distribution
to be made, of the Lieutenants below him, in Rank. The
Command of the "Mystic," by Lieut: Comdg
De Roy, is probably not involved in any event

Lieut: Comg. James F. Armstrong (late "San Jacinto.") _____
Lieut. Comg. Wm R. de Roy, Comdg "Mystic" _____
Lieut. Comg Charles C. McKeough Comg "Sumpter" _____
Lieut. H. McNeill Fairfax 1st Lieut: "Constellation" _____
Lieut. John K. Barnes. 1st Lieut: "San Jacinto" _____
Lieut: Aaron K. Hughes. 1st Lieut: "Portsmouth." _____

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant.
Wm Wm Rey

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

"Duplicate."

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira, April 23rd, 1860

Sir:

You have exhibited to me at this place,
your order dated Navy Department 8th February
1860, and reported in accordance therewith
for Command of the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto".

That Vessel, is not at Saint Paul de Loanda,
but has been heard of, at Cadiz, whither she
has gone, for Repairation of her Propeller.

You have informed me, that a Steamer,
will leave this Place to-day, for Lisbon, and
requested authority, to proceed in her, en route
for Cadiz.

As your order, dated Navy Department =
=ment, February 25th 1860, directs, that you
assume the Command of the "San Jacinto",
wherever you may meet with her; You are
ordered, to proceed hence, to Cadiz and to
assume the Command, as directed.

Enclosed is a Copy of my order, to
Lieut: Comdg James F. Armstrong, now
Commanding the "San Jacinto", by which
you will perceive, that it is possible, that
She may have gone, from Cadiz to Barcha=
=lona, in Spain, or to Toulon, in France.

Upon your arrival at Lisbon, you
will inform yourself, What the "San Jacinto"
is being Repaired, and What is the probability,
of your being able, to join her, before She
leaves Europe, for Madeira.

You will use your best Judgment, to
enable

Captain,
Thomas A. Dornin.
U. S. Navy
Funchal, Madeira.

...ance, you, to obey the order, of the Department, by
all means as possible, by making your way, to
the "San Jacinto", in Eagle, or at this port.

Sirs,

Your Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U.S. African Squadron

True copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

U.S. Flag Ship Constellation
Monrovia, Liberia, April 23rd 1860.

Sir:

Captain Thomas T. Craven, U.S. Navy, has been ordered, by the Navy Department, to assume the command of the San Jacinto. When he presents himself, you will be pleased, to transfer to him, the command of that vessel, together with, all the general and special orders, which have been furnished, for your guidance, in that Command.

You will act upon any order, applicable to yourself, which you may receive, from the Navy Department, and send to me, by Captain Craven, a copy of such order - In the absence of which, you will remain, in communication, with the "San Jacinto", in which vessel, Captain Craven, will furnish you, with a passage, to the Flag Ship, when you will report to me.

I am,
Your Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U.S. African Squadron

Lieut. Comdg
James H. Armstrong
Comdg U.S. Steamer "San Jacinto"

True copy. N. Vanden Heuvel,
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Ans'd
16 June 1860

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No 55

U.S. Flag Ship Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
April 23d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the arrival, of the "Constellation, at this port, on the 20th instant, all well.

"By the Orders (Copies inclosed) which I have issued, to Captains T. A. Dornin, U.S.N, and to Lieut. Comdg James F. Armstrong, Commanding U.S. Steamer "San Jacinto", the Department will perceive, that its orders, for the change in that Command, are to be carried out, as early as possible.

I have heard, unofficially, that the "San Jacinto," touched at Santa Cruz, Teneriffe, on her way from Porto Grande to Cadiz - Where her arrival, is mentioned, in the private advices, of a resident at Madeira. No Official report from her, has reached me, since she left Porto Grande.

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Secretary of the Navy
Washington
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—Lieut: James F. Armstrong, late "San Jacinto"—
Lieut: William R. Le Roy—Comdg. "Mystic"
Lieut: Charles J. McKeough—Comdg. "Sumpter"
Lieut: D. McN. Neill Fairfax—1st Lieut: "Constellation" 10
Lieut: John Downes.— 1st Lieut. "San Jacinto" 10
Lieut: Aaron W. Hughes— 1st Lieut. Portsmouth" 13

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira.
April 23d 1860.

Sir:

You have exhibited to me, at this place, your order, dated Navy Department, 8th February 1860, and reported, in accordance therewith, for Command of the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto."

That Vessel, is not at Saint Paul de Loanda, but has been heard of, at Cadiz, whither she has gone, for reparation of her propeller.

You have informed me, that a Steamer, will leave this place, to day for Lisbon, and requested Authority, to proceed in her, en route for Cadiz.

As your order, dated Navy Department, February 25th 1860, directs, that you assume the Command, of the "San Jacinto," wherever you may meet with her, You are ordered, to proceed hence to Cadiz, and to assume the Command as directed.

Enclosed, is a copy of my Order, to Lieut. Comdg James F. Armstrong, now Commanding the "San Jacinto," by which you will perceive, that it is possible, that she may have gone, from Cadiz, to Carthagena, in Spain, or to Toulon, in France.

Upon your arrival at Lisbon, You will inform yourself, where the "San Jacinto" is being repaired, and what is the probability of

Captain
Thomas A. Dornin,
U. S. Navy
Funchal,
Madeira.

of you being able, to join her, before the Leave ex-
pires, for Madeira. You will use your best
judgement, to enable you, to obey the order, of
the Department, as soon as possible, by
making your way, to the "San Jacinto," in bay
or at this port.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

True Copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constitution
Funchal, Madeira,
April 25th 1860.

Sir:

Captain Thomas T. Dornin, U. S. N. has been ordered by the Navy Department, to assume the Command, of the "San Jacinto." When he presents himself, you will be relieved, to transfer to him, the Command of that Vessel; together with all the general, and special Orders, which have been furnished, for your guidance, in that Command.

You will act upon any Order, &c. applicable to yourself, which you may receive from the Navy Department; and send to me, by Captain Dornin, a Copy of such order. In the absence of which, You will remain in Communication, with the San Jacinto, in which Vessel Captain Dornin, will furnish you, with a passage, to the Flag Ships, where you will report to me.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut: Comdg
James. F. Armstrong.
Comdg U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto"
Cadiz.

True Copy N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Done
May 19

9. May 19. Hoy

#56.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira
May 2d 1860.

Sir.

I have the honor to report, the receipt of the letter, of the Department dated February 4th 1860, with acknowledgement of my dispatches, Nos 16 & 17, Copies, Nos 18, 19, & 20. Original - Nos 28 & 29 Copies; and of Nos 30 & 31, Original.

Being, now, aware that orders from the Captain of the "Constellation," to an Officer, for conduct of a Captured Vessel, to the United States, come within the intent, of the General Order, dated August 31st 1855, I shall hereafter; as heretofore, with that exception; affix my signature to orders.

It will be my care, as heretofore, to make no changes, in the Official personnel of the Squadron, which can be avoided. Such changes, when made, will continue to be duly reported, with the reasons therefor.

The advice of the sailing, of the U. S. Steamer "Mohican", from New York, on the 19th January, for Porto Grande, is noted. In my letter No 53 dated Porto Praia, March 29th 1860, I had the honor to State, to the Department, that the Consul of the United States, at that place, had informed me of the arrival there, of the "Mohican", and of her having sailed, for the Coast of Africa. I have as yet, received no report of service, from Commander Gordon. I have written, for such of the mails, brought out by the "Mohican", to be sent to

— me

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

, me, as is proper. Upon receipt of a communica
from her Commander, I will lay before the Depa
=ment, Copies of the orders, under which she is
acting, and of those, which were left, for her, f
time to time, which She has received.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Flag Officer,
Commdg Me. S. African Squadron

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16 June

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 2d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (3 Copies) dated February 3d 1860, declining to order the discharge of my servant, Isaac G. Farrar, Seaman.

I acquiesce, cheerfully, in the decision of the Department. My request having been submitted, with a view, of being within the requirement of the Law.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

J. June 6. 1860

Hon:
Isaac Toucey,
Secretary of the Navy
Washington!
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U. S. Flag Ship "Constitution"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 2d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, of the Department, dated February 3d 1860, with advice, for the Lieut. Commanding the "Jumpter", that brasses, for the Equilibrium Valve, of the Engine of that Vessel, will be sent out, at an Early day.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
M. W. Dorr
Flag Officer
Commdg U. S. African Squadron.

J. June 1.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy.
Washington,
D. C.

59.

U. S. Flag, Ship "Constitution."
Funchal, Madeira,
May 2d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated February 16th 1860, by which I learn, that my communication, of the 28th of November last, with accompanying papers, in relation to Captain Wm. Mc. Armstrong, has been received.

The reply of the Department, to that communication, is as follows- viz-

"The Department thinks, that your course, in "removing Captain Armstrong, from his command, "and ordering him, to return to the United States, "was premature. "You should have consulted, with "it before acting."-

With respectful deference, to the Hon: Secretary of the Navy, I have to State, that I should very much prefer, to have been advised, by the Department, before acting in the case of Captain Armstrong, had I found it to consist at all, with my instructions, that the "San Jacinto", should have been worse than useless, to the service, on this Station, during four months, which would be, about the time required, for the receipt of dispatches, in both directions- I use the expression, that the "San Jacinto", under the command of Captain Armstrong, would have been, during that interval, worse than useless; advisedly; for the following reasons, viz.

On first meeting, the "San Jacinto," at Porto Grande, on the 10th September 1859, Captain Armstrong, in his Official Visit, complained much of the condition, of his Vessel, and submitted numerous papers, showing incompleteness of outfit, rendering her unfit for

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Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

service on the Station, and suggested, that I should
send her, to Cadiz, or some port in Europe, for repair

In my dispatch to the Department, No 10, I
mentioned, that I had written, to inform Captain
Armstrong, that the "San Jacinto," was required, for im-
mediate service, and, that if she was incapacitated
in any material point, he would request an order,
Survey &c. He replied, that all defects, had been
already made good, except that to the propeller, a
to which, a Survey was held, and its' report, mark
A, forwarded to the Department, also with dispatch
The "San Jacinto," was then sent to Porto Praia,
perform certain duty, after which, she was to proceed
to Monrovia, and to the South Coast, as directed by
order, dated September 14th 1859, Copy of which was
sent, in my 2d Monthly report of Orders issued, and
of, in my dispatch No 14, dated Monrovia, October
1859. I then informed the Department, that Captain
Armstrong, had violated that order, by detaining the
"San Jacinto," at Porto Praia, ten days; his purpose
therein, was to make to me, a proposal to send the
Steamer, direct to the United States— the reasons g
were a mere repetition, of those investigated, and ac
on, at Porto Grande; and were accompanied by a
protest, and a number of Orders, reports and States
which added no new light to the subject. All th
papers, were submitted to the Department, with
2d Monthly report.

I enclose, herewith, an extract from my lett
No 14, above named, with passages underlined, t
which, the Department will perceive, that I then
entertained the hope, of making the "San Jacin
useful, by stringent orders to her Captain— that hop
proved delusive, by further disobedience of Capt
Armstrong, to the next order, that he received. Th
whole subject, connected with that order, and h
disobedience, is fully set forth, in my dispatch
No 18, and 9 accompanying papers.

In paper No 5, which I read and furnis
to Captain Armstrong, I reasoned the case, and
clearly established, his unquestionable disobedience—
Nevertheless, he either could not, or would not, under-
stand it, for, in his reply, No 7, he informs me, that
he considers himself, fully justified. He also states,
that if he had thought "otherwise," he would have
been more particular, and full, in the replies to my
interrogatories— A remarkable expression, when
compared with the order, No 3, by which he, was
required to furnish specific and exact, replies to
certain questions. He also modifies, one of those replies,
the 8th, stating the time of absence from his station,
to have been 3½, instead of 4 days, as first reported.

The impossibility, to extract, by any means,
from the "San Jacinto," Commanded by Captain Arm-
strong, any useful service, appeared so evident, that,
as stated in my letter No 18, I abstained from all
comment upon his conduct.

Having thus abstained, I now ask the indulgence
of the Department, for stating some collateral facts, in
the conduct of Captain Armstrong— first as showing
his want of method.

About the time of his suspension, he desired my
Secretary, to furnish him, with a copy, of the order,
dated Monrovia, October 24th 1859, having lost the
original, important as it was to the service, and to
him, to possess, refer to, and act upon. Previous to
his suspension, I pointed out to him, verbally, the
necessity for order, in his official papers, by comparing
several of his replies, to my communications— such
replies being entirely inapplicable— Several papers
sent to me without signature, one of which was his
protest, against the Survey, held at Porto Grande, on the
propeller of the Steamer. On the 1st December 1859, I
received from Captain Armstrong, two letters— each of
that date, and identically of the same tenor— requesting
passage home in the "Vincennes."

To illustrate the impracticable views, of Captain
Armstrong, I will mention, his having written to one,

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and to Baron Hambleton, desiring to be furnished, with an indefinite and contingent credit, on account of the Contract with Messrs Baring, Brothers & Co.. He almost insisted, that I should permit, his Coxswain and Servant, to accompany him in a Mail Steamer, (Not of the A.S.) those persons to be considered as upon duty. Captain Armstrong, also wrote to me to procure one, with sending the "Mystic" to St. Helena, without informing him.

Superadded to all these, the waste of time and fuel, in every movement attempted by the "San Jacinto", involved an expense, in both, for which the Service rendered, was as nothing.

In deliberating long and earnestly, upon these untoward circumstances, and of the expectations of the Department, of the duty to be performed by this Squadron; I bore in mind, that, no Court-Martial, with any Member Senior in rank to Captain Armstrong, could be formed on this Station. To arrest and thus try him— was out of the Question— To retain him in Command, letting at naught every order of Service, and by example, to induce others to do the same during four Months; involved an injury to the Service and an Official humiliation to myself, which would probably have been, as unacceptable to the Department as to me. Having no alternative to such a result, except that of sending Captain Armstrong, to the United States, I employed it, not as being preferable, but as unavoidable— All which is respectfully submitted.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]

Flag Officer,
Com'dg U. S. African Squadron.

An Extract from Letter of Flag Officer Jones, No 14, dated Monrovia, October 26th 1859.
With No 59.

"In determining the duty for the "San Jacinto", I have borne in mind that the Department had taken special means to impress it's "the only unfitness, proposed to me to be employed. "That Vessel was thus sent to me to be employed, "and having had further information, and "reflection as to my duty on this subject, I believe "that the "San Jacinto" can perform useful "Service on this Station as she is, stimulated "as her Commander must be by the stringent "orders under which he will act, copies of which "I now, and shall continue, to furnish to the "Department.

"It will be perceived that I have embodied "in my (Minute) instructions to the Captain "of the "San Jacinto", calls for frequent Information, which, being furnished with the "required details, will enable me to judge of "any increased Material Defect."

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira
April 30th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your (Original) letter of the 21st of March, 1860, by which I am informed of the receipt of my dispatches, Nos 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 43 and 44.

I also learn that the Department disapproves of my Course in Sending Lieutenant Donaldson (Bearer of dispatches) to the United States, via England. Also in changing the assignment of Officers, to different Vessels in the Squadron; and ordering me to restore them to their original positions. I am instructed to give orders to Lieutenant Downes to return to the United States by the first opportunity.

All those instructions will be obeyed as early as possible.

With my letter No 35, dated April 23d 1860, I transmitted a list of the Six Senior lieutenants of this Squadron, with their rank and position. As soon as the order, now acknowledged, can be complied with, a list will be transmitted as they will then be arranged.

I am also advised that Sails required for the "Mystic", will soon be sent in a Coal Vessel to Loanda.

In obedience to the order of the Department for the return of the "Constellation" to the United States, I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

Hon. Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

the Coast, I have given orders for her immediate preparation, and her stay here will probably not exceed 15 days, in all.

In my letter No 54, dated April 20th 18[illegible] I had the Honor to advise the Department of my arrival here, and reasons for coming – To these, must of course to be added, the necessary and humane one of allowing the Crew to visit the Shore, an indulgence of which they are deprived by the Sanatory regulations at every other port within the Command, except at the Island of St. Helena.

I respectfully request to be instructed on that important point, as the order imposes constant service on the Coast, to which the "Portsmouth" and "San Jacinto" will be ordered to return forthwith. The former had been so constantly at sea, when I left Loanda, that Scurvy was reported to have made its' appearance among the Crew.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

Wm Mc Arthur

Flag Officer
Comdg H.M.S. African Squadron.

Ltr U.S. Flag Ship
Constellation
Funchal Madeira
May 2d 1860
to Hon Isaac Toucey
Secy of the Navy
Washington DC
Comdg U.S. African Squadron
Boatswain Hyngerty
Acting Boatswain

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 2d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Original letter of the 21st March last, informing me that Boatswain Hyngerty will return to the African Squadron, for duty on board the "Constellation." I am also instructed, that when he shall report the Appointment of an Acting Boatswain conferred by me, will cease.

I respectfully request to be informed if Mr. Long, Acting Boatswain of the "Constellation", is to be reduced to his former Station of Boatswain's Mate, or what disposition the Department intends to be made with regard to him.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,

[signature]
Flag Officer,
Comdg U.S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington,
D.C.

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No 62.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 2d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your (Duplicate) letter of the 27th March last, in which it is ordered as follows - viz - That order will be strictly obeyed -

"To render the African Squadron more "efficient for the purposes for which it is maintained on the Coast of Africa, the limits of "its Cruising Ground towards the North will "hereafter be restricted to the 20th parallel "of North Latitude. You will regard your "instructions of the 6th of July last as modified "to conform with this Order. No Vessel will "leave the Cruising Ground without Special "permission from the Department."

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

[signature]
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

No 63.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 2d 1860

Sir:

Immediately upon receipt of your order of the 21st March, last, directing the return of the "Constellation" to the Coast of Africa, I issued to Captain Nicholas the Order, Copy of which is enclosed, marked A, to which I received a reply, a copy of which is enclosed, marked B.

I am informed that the time necessary to bake bread, sufficient for rations for three months, may require until the 15th or 20th instant.

To day I have issued the order, Copy enclosed, marked C.

Thus every effort will be made to place the Flag Ship at sea as soon as possible, of which I will make report, before sailing.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington.
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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira, May 1st 1860.

Sir.

You will be pleased to complete the overhauling and refitting of the "Constellation" with dispatch.

Those of the Crew who have not had liberty on shore, will be granted it.

You will also take on board, promptly, the necessary Stores, Water &c. All which you will effect and report the Ship ready for sea by the 8th instant.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt,
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John L. Nicholas,
Comdg U. S. Ship "Constellation"
Funchal Roads.

True Copy
Standen Pleasonton
Flag Officer's Secretary.

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U. S. Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira, May 1st 1860.

Sir.

I have received your Communication of May 1st 1860, in which you say that I will be pleased to Complete the overhauling and refitting of the "Constellation" with dispatch.

In reply I have the honor to state that the Ship arrived here on the 20th ult., and I found her seams so utterly bare of pitch, and in many places the oakum falling out of them, that it was absolutely necessary for the preservation of the Vessel, that her bends and upper works should be caulked. I made a Verbal Report of this fact to you, some two months ago, and Madeira is the only place, of which I have any knowledge, where this work could be done on this Station.

Two days after our arrival, I employed 12. Caulkers! they have been diligently at work ever since. They have performed their work faithfully, and I now Consider the Ship as in a good State of preservation, and Capable of performing any duty that may be required of her, but the Consequence of the bad State of the bread, which we took on board in St. Paul de Loanda, from the "Supply," Compelled us to throw overboard 9,100. pounds, which were so filled with Weevil as to be useless.

I have therefore been Compelled to make a requisition for 10.000 pounds of bread, which will take to the 15th or 20th of this month to procure.

I therefore cannot report this Ships ready for Sea by the 8th inst. as you

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira, May 2d 1860

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 1st instant, in reply to my order of that date, directing the "Constellation" to be reported ready for sea, by the 8th instant.

I have approved your requisition for 10.000 pounds of bread, which you will cause to be baked, or procured, with all dispatch possible.

The Navy Department directs that the "Constellation" proceed to the Coast of Africa immediately.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Captain
John L. Nicholas.
Comdg U. S. Ship "Constellation"
Funchal Roads.

True Copy. A. Standen Stanwell
Flag Officer's Secretary.

require, but hope to do so by the 4th.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) John L. Nicholas
Captain.

To
Flag Officer
Wm. Inman,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

True Copy. A. Standen Stanwell
Flag Officer's Secretary.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 4th 1860

Sir:

The Mail Steamer for Liverpool, has been detained until this morning; and I avail myself of the additional time; to make to the Department, the following respectful Communication.

The letter of the Department, dated March 21st 1860, contains the following passage.

"The Department, altogether, disapproves of "your Course, in Changing the assignment of Officers, "made by it, to the different Vessels of the Squadron. "Immediately, on Receipt of this, you will re-order "them, to their original positions."-

In my letter No 60, dated April 30th 1860, I acknowledged the receipt of the above order, and that it would be obeyed, as early as possible. That order is so worded, as to include every Officer transferred, since I assumed Command of this Squadron.

I submit, that I have before me, the letter of the Department, dated September 23d 1859, which I copy as follows, Viz.-

"Navy Department
"Sept. 23. 1859

"Sir:

"Your Numbers 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. have been received.

"The Department is unable, to supply the "deficiency in the Officers of the "Marion." That, as also "the deficiency in men, must be made up, as far as possible

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Secretary of the Navy
Washington
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possible from the other Vessels of the Squadron.

I am, Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
signed Isaac Couey.

" Flag Officer
" William Inman
" Comdg U.S. Squadron
" Coast of Africa."—

I desire to represent, that, in the above order to direct me, I felt justified, in filling vacancies in the Squadron; and the practice of the Service, has been to do so,—having regard to Seniority of rank— Such Appointments and transfers, are indispensably necessary, to efficiency of the Vessels. Their Schedule of Complement, which provides for the Seasonal, being held as a Rule. The principal Vacancies Sanctioned by me, were those of a Captain, the first Lieutenant in a Captain's Command, and the Senior Marine Officer— the two latter by Medical Survey. The transfers and Appointments I made to fill these, and some lesser vacancies, involved, of necessity, the transfers of other Officers, unless the principle of Seniority in rank, were entirely set aside.

With the Authority, given in the letter of the Department, above fully quoted, and for the reasons named; hitherto considered sufficient, in parallel Cases in Service; and having regard, to the instructions and Views, of the Department, for energetic and faithful performance, of the Service required, of the Squadron under my Command, I did not doubt, that my Course, in these transfers, would be Sanctioned, being well pre-Considered and resulting in efficiency, and harmony in the whole Squadron— I therefore, feel it my duty, in deference, to State some of the effects to result; when the Officers, shall return to their Original positions."—

Lieut: Downes will return to the United States, as ordered.

Lieut: A. M. Hughes, Whose Number in the Register is 135, re-ordered to the "San Jacinto", Commanded by a Captain; will become her 1st Lieutenant; While Lieut: R. M.t P. Fairfax, Whose number is 101 re-ordered to the "Mystic", Commanded by a Lieutenant, will become her 1st Lieutenant.

1st Lieut: Marines, John L. Broome, will re-join the "Portsmouth", from the "San Jacinto", and 1st Lieut: J. R. C. Cornall, now Senior Officer of Marines, serving in the Flag Ship, will rejoin the "San Jacinto"— The Guard on board the "Constellation", will be under Command of 2d Lieut: C. B. Tyler, Jr., or, if he has gone to the United States, as I hear, in the "Virginian"; prize to the "Portsmouth",— the Guard of the "Constellation", will be without an Officer to Command it.

The above, are some of the results, of the replacement of the Officers, in their original position.

I respectfully submit, that I accord to every Order of the Department, the most prompt and implicit obedience; Still, I feel it due to the Department, and to myself; to represent, that having Scrupulously obeyed its' instructions, "to keep the Department advised, of my proceedings and intended Movements"— I have considered myself, invested with a discretion, (indispensable to efficiency) by the Clause in my instructions, which I quote—

"You have already been furnished, with the various General Orders, and Circulars of the Department, the Naval Laws, &c— With these before you, and with your experience, and good Judgement, it is deemed unnecessary, to enumerate to you, the duties of a Commander of a Squadron."—

Coupled with the discretion, implied in the above quotation; I have duly observed the

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preceding Clauses as to existing Appointments, Leaves, Ratings and Allowances; by the earliest possible Notification, to the Department, of the Appointments and Transfers, which I considered it necessary to make.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

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No. 65.

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira
May 8th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your 9 General Communications, of the following dates, Viz, October 26th 1859, Original., October 28th 1859. duplicate., October 29th 1859, addressed to Purser Myers of the "Marion"., November 28th 1859. December 5th 1859. addressed to Purser Nixon, of the "Vincennes". December 8th 1859. December 15th 1859, addressed to Commander Brent of the "Marion". December 15th 1859, printed "General Order" as to Pilots; and January 10th 1860, which last informs one of the receipt at the Department of my numbers 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Special Report upon each of the above recited letters, as may require it, will be duly made to the Department.

The "Vincennes" having returned to the United States, the letter of the Department, dated December 5th 1859, addressed to Purser Nixon, of that Vessel, is returned herewith.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

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Navy Department,
December 5th 1859.

Sir:

Your Bill No 15, drawn in favor of Commander B. J. Totten, dated Loando, August 23d, 1859, and negotiated at Fifteen per cent discount, as per letter of advice, has been duly honored.

The Department desires to be informed, whether it would not have been more advantageous to have drawn upon Messrs Baring Brothers & Co, instead of negotiating at the rate stated.

I am, respectfully,
Your Obt. Svt.
Isaac Toucey

Purser
Wm. H. Rigor,
U.S. Ship "Vincennes"
African Squadron.

to Purser of Vice Admiralty
in Enquiry as to bill drawn
favour of Com.. B.J. Totten
rec'd at Funchal 14 Oct 1860

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Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Returning letter addressed
Purser Gibson -

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No 66.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira
May 8th 1860.

Sir.

Herewith, I have the honor to transmit, a letter from Commander C. W. Pickett, accompanying reports, from the Lieutenants, Master, Assistant Surgeon, and Engineer of the "Sumpter," against Lieut. Comdg Charles S. Mc Donough, with the letter (Copy) of admission, of the truth thereof, by the latter; together with his several letters of application, to be permitted to return home, to be placed on furlough, to resign - addressed to the Hon: Secretary of the Navy, and to me.

I respectfully request, to be informed, what disposition, is to be made of Lieut: Comdg Mc Donough.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant,

Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira
May 8th 1860.

Sir:

— Lieut. Comdg Mc Donough has been reported for, and admitted, the Commission, of an Offence so grave, as to render it improbable, that he will be again employed, under my Command.

If the Department shall so determine, I respectfully request authority, to retain as Executive Lieutenant, of the "Constellation" Lieut. H. Mc. N. Fairfax, who is next in rank to Lieut. Mc Donough, the latter having been assigned, by the Department, to that position.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington.
D.C.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 8th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the Department, that I have received from Commander Godon, a report, dated at Port Logtalina, Africa, March 19th 1860, by which I am informed, that the "Mohican" had arrived on the Station; and that having Coaled at Fernando Po, he was on his way to the Congo and Loanda.

The Engines of the "Mohican" are, at the same time, reported to have worked well — No time until then, having been consumed in overhauling them, they required attention.

A number of cases of intermittent fever are reported among the crew.

I had left provisional orders for Lieutenants Stevens, Bleeke, and Young — not then being in receipt of the Order of the Department, dated December 8th 1859, as to them — however they have all joined the "Portsmouth". When I direct that Vessel, the exact distribution will be made, as directed by your order, upon the assumption of duty on board by Lieut: H. H. Stevens.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington — D.C.

No 69.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira
May 15th 1860.

Sir.

In my letter No 64, dated 4th instant, I had the honor, to state to the Department, my authority, for the transfers and appoint=ments, I have made in the Squadron, under my Command; and the effect of the order, of the Department of the 21st March, last, rejecting, all the Officers, to be replaced in their original positions.

Having been informed, that the Depart=ment "altogether dis-approves" of my course, in changing the assignment, of Officers made by the Department, which disapproval, includes appointments to fill vacancies—

I respectfully submit, that since I assumed Command of this Squadron, I have taken no action, which was not authorized, by my instructions, or by the necessity of the case— and, that I have, always, kept the Department, informed of my proceedings— I have exercised, a sound discretion, hitherto practiced in the Service.

The restraints placed upon me, by my Latter orders, leave me no option, in any emergency, until I can confer with the Department. To do so, and maintain the efficiency of the Squadron, is impracticable, at the distance which separates us.

With an authority so fettered, no

— Commander

Hon. Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington

Commander-in-Chief, can sustain the dignity of the Government he represents.

I have faithfully executed the trust, confided to me, with a sole view, to the good of the Service. If the Department is dissatisfied I court the fullest investigation, being confident that the Course of my Command, will bear comparison with any other.

I cannot think, that the Hon: Secretary of the Navy, in appointing me to this important Command; intended to invest me, with responsibility without power, which must necessarily be the case, if I am deprived of the authority, heretofore conceded to Commanders in-Chief.- I beg leave, Sir, to commend this Communication to your special consideration.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Wm Inman

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

No. 1 Flag Ships "Constellation"
Gibraltar, Madeira,
May 19th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the Navy Department that, in obedience to the order of the 21st March last, the "Constellation" will proceed hence, this morning, on her return to the Coast.

The Flag Ship has been here 28 days, during which she has been re-caulked and re-fitted for the remainder of the Cruise - She has received the necessary supplies, including 10.000 lbs. of bread, baked for her; her crew have been refreshed by visiting the shore. No time has been lost in effecting the above indispensable duties.

Orders will be left here, for the San Jacinto and "Portsmouth", to remain here, only the few days indispensably necessary. The former will receive coal and water and probably sail in four or five days. The "Portsmouth" has reported, in February last, to have Scurvy on board, caused by being so constantly at Sea on the South Coast, since she sailed hence, early in July last. I have therefore instructed Commander Colhoun, to permit his crew, to commence going on shore, immediately on his arrival; to hasten his other preparations, and to sail again after remaining here ten days.

The Flag Ships, "San Jacinto" and "Portsmouth" will touch at St Vincent for Coal, and at Porto Praia, to remove the Stores that may remain — there

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

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there; immediately after which, they will all proceed to the South Coast. The San Lacinto will call at Mossoro, to re-embark her Steamers, which were left behind, when she was sent to Cadiz.

The Commands of the Department will soonest reach me, if sent so as to leave Liverpool, England, on the 24th of each month for Fernando Po.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

[signature]
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."
Porto Grande, St. Vincent,
Cape de Verd Islands, May 27th 1860

Sir.

In accordance with the regulation, I have the honor to transmit, to the Navy Department, my 5th "Monthly transmission, of the orders I have issued, for service, to the Squadron, under my Command; no Violation there of having occured.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant.

Wm Inman

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey,
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington,
D.C.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Praia, April 2nd 1860.

Sir.

I have caused the Bread in Store here, to be examined and classed as to Quality. This Ship has filled one Bread-room with 20.000 lbs. of Round bread - All of the remainder, which required it, will be re-baked and re-packed, in readiness for the "Portsmouth". You will take as much of it as will fill your bread-rooms entirely. After you have received all the other good Provisions and Stores that you can possibly stow, You will take on board, in Casks, as much of the remainder (if there be any) of the good or rebaked bread, as will supply the Crew (to be first used) for three weeks from the time you sail.

The Casks in which Bread or Whiskey is brought off, and emptied, will be re-landed at Porto Praia, in order that they may be sold - Casks that have contained bread or Whiskey, have absorbed so much Alcohol as to render them very dangerous, if used for fuel - it is strictly forbidden to burn them on board.

You will Comply, in all other respects, with my order dated February 11th 1860, with the following exception, Viz - "You will proceed from Porto Praia direct to Funchal, Madeira. I have arranged for the Mails to be brought from Porto Grande to Porto Praia, where you will receive them from the Consul, Mr. Horse. As soon as the "Portsmouth" is watered, and the order as to Stores is executed, You will lose no time in reaching Madeira.

The Governor General has directed that the

Commander
John Calhoun
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth"

the Custom House at Porto Praia, is to be opened for the convenience of the Vessels of the U. S., during any extraordinary hours, by night or day. Of this you will take notice, as a great saving of time may be thus effected, which is important for the "Portsmouth." The Custom House has been open, for delivery of Stores, for the Flag Ship, from daylight until after dark.

Mr. Silva, Store Keeper's Clerk in charge here, is specially instructed as to your supplies, and to afford facilities for the Survey, which you will cause to be held. You will furnish him, with a Copy of that Survey, for his guidance in the Sale of Condemned Property (after the departure of the "Portsmouth".) Mr. Silva is ordered to exhibit to you my instruction above named, if you desire it. You will also furnish one with a Copy of the Survey.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squad

True copy. N. Vanderhevel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constitution"
Funchal, Madeira, Nov. 1st 1860.

Sir,

Upon the day of your arrival here, you will immediately commence every work to be performed, before your departure, which must take place, punctually, after you have remained five days. Thus your first draft of Liberty upon, will be sent on shore, your requisitions furnished to the Consul, for Stores, Water, Coal &c., your ship will need them inside or out, during your absence from the United States, as well as any other repairs or outfits, that must be supplied from the shore. You will also on the first day, make requisition for funds, sufficient for the entire cruise.

The Department has ordered the Northern limit of the Station, to be the 20th parallel of North latitude; and that all the Vessels of the Squadron repair forthwith to the Cruising Ground. You will govern your movements, strictly in accordance, with those orders.

You will, therefore, leave Funchal, in ten days after your arrival, unless some indispensable necessity, that will satisfy me, and the Department, may prevent.

From hence, you will proceed direct to Porto Grande, St. Vincent, Cape Verd Islands, where you will remain only long enough to receive any Mail's for the Squadron, and within twelve hours, after you anchor, you will proceed to Porto Praya, where you will anchor in a safe position, having regard to the stormy season, then prevailing— You will there find orders, as also, perhaps, at Porto Grande.

You will, of course, bring with you from Funchal

Commanders
John Colhoun
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth"

"Juncal" all mails for the Squadron, that may arrive there during your stay.

Enclosed is an order from the Department, to Lieut. Crabb, which you will cause to be complied with, as he may meet the Flag Officer.

When you sail for Milk the "San Jacinto" you will give effect to the orders for Lieutenants Edgar, Money and Reese, enclosed herewith.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Captain
Thomas A. Dornin,
U. S. Navy
Juncal,
Madeira.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Flag Officer's Letters
U. S. Sloop "Constitution."
1st Monthly Communication.
1860.

U. S. Flag Ship, Constitution.
Funchal, Madeira.
April 23d 1860.

Sir:

When you have relieved Lieut. Comdg James P. Armstrong in the Command of the U. S. Steamer San Jacinto, you will comply with my order dated 10th January, 1860, a copy of which is furnished to you, herewith.

As I am as yet without instruction from the Department, as for the employment of Lieut. Comdg James P. Armstrong, you will be pleased to present to him the order addressed to him, and to furnish him a passage to this place, unless he be otherwise ordered by the Navy Department, with which he will of course comply.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Captain
Thomas A. Dornin,
U. S. Navy
Funchal,
Madeira.

True Copy, A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira, May 18th 1860.

Sir.

An order from the Navy Department has placed the Northern limit of the African U. S. Naval Station at the 20th parallel of North Latitude, and the Vessels of the Squadron are required to be upon their Cruising Ground as soon as possible.

You will, therefore, be pleased, immediately upon receipt hereof, to receive Coal and Water "to fill up", and such other Supplies of every kind, that may be required at this port, to last three months. You will also provide here, such an Amount of funds, as may suffice for the remainder of the Cruise of the "San Jacinto", to be calculated at two years from the time of going into Commission in the United States.

The above duty will be performed with diligence; immediately after which, you will proceed to Porto Grande, St. Vincent, Cape Verd Islands, where, without loss of time, you will fill up with Coal, and proceed at once to Porto Praia, St. Iago, where you will lie with your fires banked, and where you will receive further orders. Should none be left for you; you will take on board as much of the remainder of the Govt. Public Stores, as you can stow, leaving behind the two large anchors. If you can take the whole of such remainder Stores, you will be pleased to inform the Clerk to the Naval Storekeeper, in Charge, (Mr. Hannibal Silva) that you will take Charge of his letters and accounts, to be rendered to Mr. Bennie, Naval Storekeeper at Loanda;

— and

Captain
T. A. Dornin
Comdg U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto."

and, you will cause his, Mr. Silva's, account for
Compensation to be settled and liquidated, ac-
-cording to the tenor of his appointment, which I
have approved.

You will then proceed to Mozambique direct,
take on board your Broomen, six number as before
fill up your water with diligence; and then proce-
as directed by my order of the 10th January, addresse
to Lieut: Comdg James C. Armstrong, a Copy of Which
has been furnished to you. If you receive Coal
at Fernando Po, as permitted by that order, you
will take only sufficient to last with Economy
to Loanda; and remain at Fernando Po, only
the time, indispensably necessary for that purpos

You will, then, make your way to Loanda
and do as directed by the order of the 10th January
last. If the Flag Ship does not arrive at
Loanda, nor any further order be received by you
there, by the time you have filled Coal and
Water, and made Good, provision for four Months
you will await orders four days;- if none be rec'd
by you by that time, you will cruise as far North
as Mayumba, returning to Loanda at the end
of three weeks.

In cruising Northward, (except when in Chase)
you will economise your Coal, by running under
Sail, or with a Minimum force of Steam. When
running to the Southward, (except when in Chase, you
will exert only a portion of your Steam power, so as
to give a Speed of about six knots per hour.

You will be pleased to take on board
all mails for the Squadron, awaiting delivery, at
any port you may visit, unless otherwise directed
paying postage thereon, of which a correct
account must be kept.

When you fall in with the "Portsmouth",
you will give effect to the order for Lieut.
H. A. Cobb, enclosed herewith.

I am,

—Very

Very respectfully
Your obt. Sert.
Signed Wm. Inman,
Flag Officer
Comdg H. M. African Squadron.

Note

While the "San Jacinto" is at Mozambique, I
desire that you will take on board as much
of the excellent fire-wood furnished there, as
you can possibly stow, without detaining the
Steamer. Such Wood is partly intended for the
Flag Ship.

Signed Wm Inman

True Copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation
Funchal, Madeira, May 15th 1860.

Sir:

You will be pleased to have the "Constellation" ready for sea, and prepared in all respects to get underway by 8. A. M. on Saturday, the 19th instant; at which time the Ship will be under "Sailing Orders," and you will report her to me accordingly, at that time.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John S. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Ship "Constellation."

True copy. H. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

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Flag Officer's Letters
U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto"
To Monthly Communication
1860

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 19th 1860.

Sir:

I have received your letter of this date, reporting the Flag Ship "Constellation" ready for sea.

You will be pleased to proceed with that Vessel, under your Command, to Porto Grande, St. Vincent, Cape de Verd Islands, passing within sight of the Peak of Teneriffe, from which a departure will be taken, to enable you to determine the existence and position of the Shoal, called "Louisa's Rock," said to lie North and East of the Group of the Cape de Verd Islands.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain,
John S. Nicholas,
Comdg U. S. S. "Constellation."

True Copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

July.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 1st 1860.

Sir.

If you visit Fernando Po, for the mails, Vide these on the 28th May, you will fill up your Coal, and take on board all Mails whatever, lying there, for the Squadron; with which you will proceed to West Bay, Princes Island, W.A. you will await the Flag Ship.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut: Comdg
Wm. B. Le Roy
Comdg U. S. Steamer Mystic.

True copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Sent a similar order to Lieut. Comdg U. S. McDonough. Comdg U. S. Steamer "Sumpter."

Flag Officers Letters
U. S. F. "Constellation"
To Monthly Communications
1860.

Special Orders.

U. S. Steamer "Mystic."

5th Monthly transmission

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Grande, St. Vincent, Cape de Verd Islands,
May 27th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the arrival of the "Constellation" at this port to day, on her way, from Madeira to Porto Praia, and the Coast – Air Mail.

With my letter No 66, dated Madeira, May 8th 1860, I transmitted to the Department various papers, shewing the suspension, by Commander J. W. Brent, of Lieut: Commanding Charles S. McDonough, late Commanding the Steamer "Sumpter" – Lieutenant John B. Stewart, of that Vessel, remaining for the time in Command of her.

Being without authority, to transfer an Officer, to assume Command, until advised by the Department, I respectfully request orders, on that Subject.

The two Senior Lieutenants, attached to the Squadron; not now in Command, are, Lieutenant James F. Armstrong, No 30, lately detached from the "San Jacinto" at Cadiz, and Lieutenant T. H. Patterson, No 75, attached to the Steamer "Mohican."

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy.
Washington,
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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Praude, St. Vincent, Cape de Verds,
May 27th 1860.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of an Extract, purporting to be from a paper dated Boston July 1859, in which it was said, that a dangerous and hidden rock existed North and East of the Cape de Verd Islands.

That Location being nearly in the track from Madeira to this place, I directed Captain Nicholas to verify its existence and position; which has been done, without detention to this Ship.

I have the honor, to transmit to the Lieutenant, the report of Captain Nicholas, on that subject.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

U. S. S. "Levant" Constellation"
At sea May 26th 1860

Extract from Boston Papers July 1859

Capt Jones, of the Bark "Sunnis of Bath"
has discovered, and surveyed a dangerous
and sudden rock, in Latitude N. 1°. 55, and
Longitude W. 23. 34 and called it "Jones's Rock."

U. S. S. Constellation
At Sea May 26th 1860

Sir:

In compliance with your order
May 19th 1860, directing me to proceed with
his Ship to Porto Grande, St. Vincent: Cape de
rd Islands, and on the passage, to ascertain the
osition of a shoal called "Dawson's Rock", said
lie to the N.W and E.ly of the Cape de Verdes
Lat 17° 55' N. Long 23° 33' W; I have the
ure to report, that I sailed from Madeira on
19th of May, and, on the 26th of same month
7 A.M. by calculation, the ships was on the
rallel of Latitude of the supposed shoal, and
miles to the East.ly. I hauled the ships up
d steered a West course, and at meridian
cisely, the ships was by observation, 2 miles
th and 1 mile East of it.
immediately bore up, and steered for its
ect position, which was reached in about 20
inutes; I then brought the ships up again, and steered
West course for 20 miles.
have therefore, as you may perceive, given this
oal a margin in position of 30 miles East
d 20 miles West.
have had a beautiful day, a clear horizon,
d smooth water, with the use of the best eyes

and glasses on board, and have not been abl
to discover the slightest indication of a shoa
I therefore feel confident, that I can report, th
for 8 miles North and South of the parallel
Latitude upon which this ship has run, that
no shoal exists.*

I am very Respectfully
John Gedney Lieut
John Gedney
Captain

Flag Officer
Wm Inman
Comdg U. S. African Squad

*Note - As to whether this shoal exists or not, it
impossible for me to say, but I really believe
that Captain Jones should be called upon, thro
the public prints, to give something more definite
than his first publication - That is - How he sa
it? Did he get soundings? Did he see anything
that he felt satisfied was a rock; for I feel co
with regard to the position of this ship to a half-
If these facts can be established, it is highly im
but to the commercial interests of the world, th
its position be ascertained, for it is said to lie
one of the highways of Commerce.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Grande, St. Vincent, Cape de Verds,
May 28th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the Department that this Ship will proceed to Porto Praia, this day.

On my arrival here, Yesterday, I received from Lieut: Comdg James F. Armstrong, a letter dated on board the "San Jacinto," at Cadiz, April 2d 1860,- also a Report of the same date, made by the Chief Engineer, to the Lieut: Commanding

I, herewith, transmit a Copy of that Report, also a Copy of an Extract, from the letter, of Lieut: Comdg Armstrong, shewing the movements of the Vessel to that date.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D. C.

Extract from a letter from Lieut: Comdg James F. Armstrong, Comdg U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto," dated,

"U S Steamer "San Jacinto"
"Naval Arsenal, Caracas,
"April 2d 1860

On the 2d March, I left Teneriffe and on the 9th arrived at Cadiz. The day before our arrival here was Stormy and indicated a gale, but I was fortunate to get in before it came on. The Whole passage from my entrance to the trades was attended with some anxiety. I was satisfied from the jar and Cutting, that the propeller bearings were seriously injured, but, as in our Conference at St. Paul de Loanda, I still thought with You it better to carry out orders (thus reaching the nearest point for repairs) than to deviate from them and proceed by a long route homeward.

On the 12th, in Company with our Consul, J. J. Turnbull Esqr, and a party of Officers I went to San Fernando, the residence of the Capt. General of Marines, and in terms, according with the tenor of my instructions, made known the object of my visit.

Every facility, the Yard and docks afforded were placed, at my disposal, but it was somewhat doubtful, if the length and configuration of the ship would permit her to enter. On my return I caused a draft of the ship to be made and forwarded it to His Excellency. On the 14th I informed the Hon: Secr: of my arrival here and of my visit to the Authorities. On the 17th I received a Communication from the Capt. General that the dock was large enough and at my service on the 21st. On the 20th I left Cadiz, steamed up to the Naval Arsenal at Caracas, and having in Compliance with its rules, taken out all ammunition, Shell and Fire works, entered the dock on the 21st and reported the fact the same day to the Department.

On the 27th, a Survey, Composed of two eminent Medical men from Cadiz and Dr Vedder of this ship,

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"recommended Surgeon Pinkney's return to the
"U. States and I accordingly gave him permiss
"to do so, forwarding on the 28th the Surveys an
"letters from Asst. Surgeon Vedder to the Departmen
" From our entrance into Dock on the 2
"until this date, we have been busy getting o
"the bearings; to do which, it was necessary to
"off the Rudder post and until this time, Co
"give you no proper information as to its State
"The enclosed Statement of Chief Engineer Pa
"the original sent to the Department under the
"Cover of a letter of this date, will put you in
"possession of the facts.

"I am, Sir
"Very respectfully
"Your Obdt. Servant
"Signed Ed. F. Armstrong
"Lt. Comd. San Jacinto

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"Flag Officer
"Wm Inman
"Commanding
"U. S. African Squadron."—

True Extract A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

Copy.

U. S. Steamer San Jacinto
Naval Arsenal, Jamaica
April 2. 1860.

"Sir.

"In reply to your letter of the 21st ultimo,
"calling for a report of the condition of the propeller
"bearing, the repairs necessary, the best method
"of making them and the probable time required,
"I respectfully submit the following.

"Upon a thorough examination of the shaft
"and bearing, I find the Composition Sleeves
"Covering the outward end of the shaft, cut in a
"ridged or serrated form, and reduced in
"thickness from five eights to one quarter of an inch,
"or from a diameter of twelve and a half inches
"to eleven and three quarter inches.

"The bearing being also of Composition is cut
"in a corresponding manner, from a diameter of
"twelve and a half inches to thirteen and three
"quarter inches on the out board end, tapering
"to a diameter of twelve and seven eight inches
"on the in board end, the bearing being seven feet
"long.

"To make the repairs it will be necessary to cut
"from the shaft the Composition Sleeves, with the
"exception of the part lapping through the Stuffing
"box, and to replace them by the new Sleeves put
"on board the Ship at New York, in the manner
"directed by the Chief of the Bureau of Construction.
"A new bearing of Composition will have to be
"substituted for the present one as I see no way
"of making a good job of it by repairs.

"With regard to the time required to make
"these repairs, much depends upon the facilities
"afforded us in this Yard, and so far as I am
"able to judge from observation I am of the
"opinion that it will take one month to
"Complete every thing.

"To remove the bearing from the dead wood,
"and fleet the propeller shaft inboard, I have
"found it not only necessary to raise the other

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"section of the shaft, but also to remove the sud
" and rudder post. This will enable me to expe
" the work, and avoid the necessity of removing
" shaft from the Alley for the purpose of shrink
" on the sleeves.
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Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Signed) John Faron
Chief Engineer.

Lieut: Commanding
James F. Armstrong
Commanding U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto."

True Copy A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Grande, St. Vincent, Cape de Verds.
May 28th 1860.

Sir.

Since my arrival here, I have heard, of the late capture, of a Suspected Slaver, by the U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth", off Porto Praia. A Lieutenant has, probably, been detached, from the "Portsmouth", to take charge of the Prize, to the United States; thus creating one vacancy, in the Squadron. The Medical Survey, which recommended the return home, of Lieut. John Madigan, from the "San Jacinto," caused a second Vacancy - the return of Lieut: Downes, which I have ordered, as directed by the Department, leaves a third Vacancy. These are made good, in number, by the assumption of duty, in this Squadron, by Lieutenants Roney, Breese and Young, sent out in the "Mohican."

I have to report, that this Ship, has but five Lieutenants - Only two of whom, Lieuts. Rhind and Foster, came out in her, from the United States. The others are - Lieut. D. McN. Fairfax, Executive Lieutenant, as to whom, I made a Communication, in my letter No 67, in reference to the Suspension of Lieut: Charles S. McDonough - Lieut: Philip C. Johnson, Jr., now in this Ship, supplaces Lieut: McAyann, who is not on this Station. Lieut: Benjamin F. Loyall, has been in this Ship, since last October; having replaced Lieut: Trevett Abbot, transferred to the "Marion", at Madeira, in August 1859. Subsequently sanctioned, by the letter of the Department, dated September 23d 1859.

Under these circumstances, I respectfully request authority, to retain on board the "Constellation", the Lieutenants now serving in her.

I am, Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron -

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

No. 5.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Grande, St. Vincent, Cape de Verds,
May 28th 1860.

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I am, Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation",
West Bay, Princes Island
June 23d. 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the arrival of the "Constellation" at this port to-day, 21 days from Porto Praia - the Officers and Crew being in good general health.

I found here the Steamer "Mohican", Commander Gordon, with the Last Mails, as directed.

I regret to report the death of Lieut. Thomas Roney, which occurred at Kabenda on the 20th of last April - after illness of some duration.

Lieut. Roney died on board the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter", to the Command of which vessel, he was temporarily appointed by Commander Thomas W. Brent, Senior Officer, in my absence, upon the Vacancy of Lieut. Comdg Charles S. McDonough. Lieut. Roney was interred with Military honors, in a well marked Spot near the Village of Kabenda, West Coast of Africa.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

J. Inman

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington
D.C.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 23d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the arrival of the "Constellation" at this port, to day, 21 days from Porto Praia, the Officers and Crew being in good general health.

I found here the Steamer "Mohican", Commander Gordon, with the Last Mails, as directed.

I regret to report the death of Lieutenant Thomas Roney, which occurred at Kabenda on the 20th of last April, after illness of some duration.

Lieut: Roney died on board the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter", to the Command of which Vessel he was temporarily appointed, by Commander Thomas W. Brent, Senior Officer in my absence, upon the vacancy of Lieut: Comdg Charles S. McDonough. Lieut: Roney was interred with Military honors, in a Well-marked Spot, near the Village of Cabenda, West Coast of Africa.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington,
D.C.

Duplicate

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 23d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith duplicate report of Survey, ordered by Commander Thomas W. Brent, Senior Officer, in my absence, upon Lieut. H. M. Garland, and John Brown, Landsman, each of the U. S. Steamer "Mystic." Those persons were both taken on board the "Marion" for passage to the U. S. When she may be ordered to return home.

The Squadron is now short of the following Officers viz- Lieut. Thomas Roney- from the Squadron- reported in my letter No 76. dead.

Lieut. H. M. Garland, of the Steamer "Mystic," by Medical Survey.

Surgeon Stevian Pinkney, of the Steamer "San Jacinto"- Condemned at Cadiz, by Medical Survey.

The "San Jacinto" has but two Lieutenants, Hughes and Breese.

The "Mystic" has but one Lieutenant-, Haxtun-, and the Master- No Midshipmen

The "Mohican" has three Lieutenants, one Master and three Midshipmen, of which, last it is very desirable to transfer, to act as, Watch Officers, one to the "San Jacinto" and one to the "Mystic."

Being without authority to make such transfers I respectfully request that the Department, will be pleased to direct, as to the replacement of those vacancies; as well as for that of Purser Charles W. Abbot, returned from the Steamer "Mohican," to the U. S., by Medical Survey, ordered in my absence, as to which I am informed by Commander Godon, he has made report to the Department, before meeting me.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey,
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

77.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 23d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith duplicate report of Survey, ordered by Commander Thomas T. Brent, Senior Officer in my absence, upon Lieut. H. M. Garland, and John Brown, Landsman, each of the U. S. Steamer "Mystic". Those persons were both taken on board the "Marion" for passage to the United States, when She may be ordered to return home.

The Squadron is now short of the following Officers, Viz- Lieut. Thomas Coney, from the Squadron, reported in my letter No 76- dated.

Lieut. H. M. Garland, of the Steamer "Sumpter" Condemned by Medical Survey.

Surgeon Minian Pinkney, of the Steamer "San Jacinto", Condemned at Cadiz, by Medical Survey.

The "San Jacinto" has but two Lieutenants- Hughes and Breese.

The "Mystic" has but one Lieutenant, Haxtun-; and the Master- No Midshipman.

The "Mohican" has three Lieutenants, one Master and three Midshipmen; of which last, it is very desireable to transfer, to act as Watch Officer, one to the "San Jacinto," and one to the "Mystic."

Being without authority to make such transfers

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

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ordered in my absence, as to which I am inform
by Commander Gordon, he has made report to
Department, before meeting me.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Jno Lyman

Flag Officer
Commdg U. S. African Squadron

Duplicate

U. S. Steamer Mystic
Loanda, May 8th 1860

Sir,

Agreeably to your order of this date, we have held a strict and careful survey upon Acting. H. M. Garland & John Brown Eds. and report as follows;

We find, Acting Garland affected with Hepatic disease which renders him liable to frequent attacks of illness, becoming more and more serious on each return; and in view of the unfavorable influence of a climate like this on such diseases, we consider it unsafe for him to remain longer on this Station than is unavoidable; we therefore recommend his return to the United States with the least possible delay.

Jno. Brown Eds. we find affected with a Chronic disease of the Chest, which renders him unfit for the Service and consequently we advise his return to the United States. We Consider also in this case that a sufficient delay to refer to the "Flag Officer" would be inadvisable. There is no evidence in either Case that the disease originated in the line of duty -

We are very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servts
R. F. Mason Surgeon
M. D. Harrison P. A. Surg.
H. M. S. Washington
Asst. Surgn.

Comd. Thos. H. Brent
Comd. U. S. S. Marion

Comd. Thos. H. Brent
Comd. U. S. Steamer Pocahontas

Lieut. [illegible]

May 8th 1860 -

U. S. "Mystic".

Forwarded by

[signature]

Flag Officer

Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."
West Bay, Princes Island.
June 25th 1860.

Sir.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit a copy of a letter, dated 16th December 1859, addressed to Flag Officer Bonner, by Sir Fredk Wm Grey, Rear Admiral, Commander in Chief of H. M's Ships, Coast of Africa.

I have acknowledged the receipt of the Admiral's letter.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
[signature]
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington,
D.C.

Her Britannic Majesty's Ship
Bizeaux off Simons Bay
16th December 1859.

Sir.

I have to inform you for having forwarded to me in your letter of the 9th of March 1859, received by this mail, copies of the depositions of W. Ottesson and J. Barbiera, Seamen of the Rufus Soulé captured by Lieutenant Hodgkinson Commanding Her Majesty's Steam Vessel Viper.

As full particulars of the circumstances attending this Capture have been forwarded to Her Majesty's Government, and will no doubt be communicated to the Government of the United States, it is unnecessary for me to open a discussion upon them, but I must remark that I do not find anything whatever in the depositions to show that the Rufus Soulé was entitled to bear the United States Flag which she had improperly assumed, and I cannot doubt that the information furnished to me from the Havana that she had been purchased by Spaniards was Correct, and that she was justly Captured by the Viper.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very humble Servant
Signed Fred Wm Grey
Rear Admiral and
Commander in Chief

To
Flag Officer
J. A. Conover
Commander-in-Chief
United States Squadron
West Coast of Africa.

Duplicate

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th of April 1860, instructing me as to Surgeon Tinkney, whose return to the U. S. was reported in my letter No 77.

In accordance with your instructions, Assistant Surgeon Wm D. Harrison, Senior in the Squadron, will be transferred from the "Mystic" to the "San Jacinto"; and being the only Medical Officer on board the "Mystic" he will be relieved by Assistant Surgeon David Windlebergen, from the "Portsmouth", in which Vessel Surgeon Maxwell, will then remain the only Medical Officer.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th of April 1860, instructing me as to Surgeon Pinckney, whose return to the United States, was reported in my letter No 77.

In accordance with your instruction, Passed Assistant Surgeon Wm. H. Harrison, Senior in the Squadron, will be transferred from the "Mystic" to the "San Jacinto," and, being the only Medical Officer on board the "Mystic", he will be relieved by Assistant Surgeon David Kinglebergen, from the "Portsmouth"; in which Vessel Surgeon Maxwell will then remain the only Medical Officer.

I am, Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

S. S. Lee

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington,
D.C.

Duplicate

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island
June 30th 1860.

No.

No.

Sir:

I have received the mail from Liverpool, due at Fernando Po, 28th instant.

I have the honor to report that no order has yet been received for the return of the "Marion" to the U. S.

Commander Trent, in a recent report to me, represents the Copper of the "Marion", in a condition to be almost past repair.

I have directed that Vessel, to meet me at Loanda, about the Middle of July; and by the next Mail, will make Report as to the various Vessels of the Squadron.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Inman

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington,
D.C.

80.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir.

I have received the mail from Liverpool, Eye at Fernando Po, 28th ultimo.

I have the honor to report that no order has yet been received for the detention of the "Marion" to the United States.

Commander Brent in a recent report, represents the Copper of the "Marion", in a condition to be almost past repair.

I have directed that Vessel to meet me at Loanda, about the Middle of July; and by the next mail, will make report as to the various Vessels of the Squadron.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington,
D.C.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, July 2d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward my 6th Monthly transmission of the orders I have issued to the Squadron under my command, no known Violation having occurred.

Having met the "Mohican" and Verified the Receipt of the orders issued for her, I have to report as in force now, on board that Vessel, all the General Orders, Copies of which I have hitherto trans=mitted to the Navy Department.

Copies of the Whole of the Special Orders, issued to the "Mohican," are sent herewith.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington,
D.C.

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation
Porto Grande, October 1st 1859.

Sir:

You will fill up all coal you can carry in bunkers and bags, and as dispatch is necessary, You will moor to the black and White buoy (if Vacant) of our Sub-Coal Agents (Messrs Virgen & Miller). The buoy lies in 4 fathoms at low water. If it is occupied you will place your Vessel as near to it as may be desireable.

Immediately on your arival You will inform Messrs Virgen & Miller of the number of tons of Coal you require in bulk, Stating if You prefer it sent in bags (which they will furnish free of cost), or loose in their barges to be shaped in baskets, or otherwise. At the same time you will furnish them with all your bags that are to be filled, which they will do, While you are taking in the remainder. These bags will contain more if sewed up, instead of being tied, You will therefore advise the Agents accordingly, and without losing time, cause them to be sewed up on Shore by your people.

You will use every precaution to prevent taking into your bags or bunkers Coal dust, as it will not serve - however, as it has been found unavoidable to bring a certain portion to your Vessel, You will cause it to be kept in such a way that You may order a Survey thereon, which You will have done, as soon as your bulk Coal is on board. The report of the Survey must be in "Triplicate, Stating the quantity, and if it can be used for Steaming purposes." Any such that may be Condemned, You will have placed as directed in the Circular sent herewith, and throw it over board in the outer part of the harbor. You will cause one of your Engineers to see this done, which he will Certify on the Report of the Survey. Your receipt to the Agents will include the Coal-dust, and the Survey will account for as much as it may condemn, as part of your supplies.

It is of much importance to have no Residuum left in your Coal bunkers - You will, therefore, before Commencing to receive Coal on board, employ diligently a Reasonable time in Removing from them any thing that should not remain therein.

The Coal Agents are paid by their own

drafts on the United States, based upon your receipts

You will ask of Mr. Miller, the British Consul, any mails that may be here for the Squadron. There and the Coal being received, You will proceed to Porto Praya, and lose no time in filling up with provision and water. You will also take on board any mail matter for the Squadron that you may be able to find. After which, You will proceed direct to Monrovia, West Coast of Africa; and there engage and receive your Kroomen, not more nor less than a full crew for your Launch and one other Smaller boat. They will be rated for pay as follows. Viz—

Head Krooman as Landsman, 2d. Krooman as 1st Class boy; the remainder as 3d Class boys.

From Monrovia you will proceed to West Bay, Princes Island, where you will fill up your water and immediately depart for Clarence Cove, in the Island of Fernando Po,— You will there receive from Mr. Lyndsay the U. S. Coal Agent, as much Coal as you may have room for. You will receive the Mails for the Squadron paying therefor any postage due, Keeping an accurate account against the persons to whom packages are directed. If no special objection, as for health, pre-vents, and the mails from England are due, within a few days of the time of your readiness to sail, You will wait for them not exceeding one week.

From Fernando Po, You will proceed to the mouth of the Bonga, where you will cruise until further orders or until it is necessary to fill Coal and provision, for which You will proceed to St. Paul de Loando, where you will find the Flag Ship, or further orders.

You will, when convenient, inform me, by letter, of your proceedings, directed to the Care of the U. S. Consul at St. Paul de Loando.

You will always be guided by my "General Instructions" containing a Copy of the 8th Article of the Treaty between the United States and Great Britain, for the suppression of the Slave trade, herewith furnished you. To this end, You will keep a Vigilant look out from here all along the Coast of Africa.

I suggest to You, to recommend to your crew to stop as many nations as possible, in order that they may have money, with which to purchase fresh provisions on the Coast, and at the Islands.

You will make (for reference) a Note in regard to Porto Praya, St. Iago, Cape de Verds, Viz,— the Rainy Season extends from the 1st July to the 15th October. During that time the port is more unsafe and unhealthy than at any other; and requires that Steamers should lie with their fires banked; and Sail Vessels be so placed as to be able to clear the head lands of the Harbor.

The Sanatory regulations of the Department applicable to this Station, will also be especially observed.

I am, Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

To the,
Commander
of the U. S Steamer "Mohican"
Porto Grande.

True copy A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Praya, October 3d 1859.

Sir.

If you have not received the instructions which I have left for you at Porto Grande, St. Vincent, of this Group of Islands, You will fill up Water and Provision here, without loss of time; after which, if you have Coal enough on board to reach Porto Grande, by Steam alone, making all allowance for head wind, and Current, of at least one additional day; You will proceed to that Port by Steam, and before anchoring there, You will procure from Messrs Vidgen & Miller, Sub-Coal Agents for the U. S., my instructions left for you with them. You will immediately read and be guided by the Circular Order therewith furnished to you.

Should you not have on board Coal sufficient to Steam to Porto Grande, You will proceed direct to Monrovia, West Coast of Africa; and there engage and receive your Moormen; Not more nor less than a full Crew for your Launch and one other smaller boat. They will be rated for pay as follows. Viz- Head Moorman, as Sandsman, 2d Moorman, as 1st Cl. Ships Boy- the remainder as 3d Class boys.

From Monrovia you will proceed to West Bay, Princes Island, where you will fill up your Water and immediately depart for Clarence Cove, in the Island of Fernando Po. You will there receive from Mr. Seymslager, the U. S. Coal Agent, as much Coal as you may have room for. You will receive the Mails for the Squadron, paying therefor any postage due, keeping an accurate account against the persons to whom packages are directed. If no special objection, as far as health prevents, and the Mails from England are due within a few days of the time of your readiness to sail, You will wait for them not exceeding one week.

From Fernando Po, You will proceed to the Mouth of the Congo, where You will Cruise until further orders; or until it is necessary to fill Coal and Provision, for which You will proceed to St. Paul de Loando, where you will find the Flag Ship, or further orders.-

You

You will when convenient, inform me by letter of your proceedings, directed to the Care of the U. S. Consul at St. Paul de Loanda.

You will always be guided by my "General Instructions" containing a Copy of the 8th Article of the Treaty between the U.S. and Great Britain, for the suppression of the Slave trade; to be furnished to you by any Vessel of the Squadron having them, and for which You will apply.— To this end, You will keep a vigilant look out, from hence, all along the Coast of Africa.

I suggest to you to recommend to your crew to stop as many nations, as posible, in order that they may have money, with which, to purchase fresh provisions on the Coast and at the Islands.

You will make (for reference) a Note in regard to Porto Praya, St. Lago, Cape de Verds, viz- the Rainy season extends from the 1st July to the 15th October,— During that time the port is more unsafe and unhealthy than at any other; and requires that Steamers should lie with their fires banked, and Sail Vessels be so placed as to be able to clear the head Lands of the harbor. The Sanitary regulations of the Department, applicable to this Station, will also be especially observed.

You will take all suitable occasions to exercise your Officers and Crew in the exercise of all arms, and at their Stations on board and in boats. Your Ship will be rigidly inspected by the Commander-in-Chief, who will report to the Department the result.

The utmost Care should be taken of the health of your Ships Company, which will be much improved by extreme cleanliness, Ventilation, dryness below decks, and Care and frequent Cleansing beneath the platforms in the Engine rooms, and the entire removal of residuum in the bunkers, before filling them.

I am, Very respectfully, Your obt. Svt.
(Signd) Wm Inman
Flag Officer, Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

To the
Commander
of the U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
Porto Praya.

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island, November 9th 1860.

Sir:

When coaling at Fernando Po, You will be pleased to employ your Women to do the boating &c, of the Coal, instead of hired Laborers, of whom only as many should be employed as are indispensable to economy of time. I learn that those Laborers are very indifferent & idle. It will be necessary to use your own bags for the present.

As one of the other Steamers will call for the mail when due, You will not detain the "Mohican", (When otherwise ready) but bring only such as may be ready, paying postage thereon.

You will when Steaming, unless in Chase, run with a Minimum head, until you meet the Flag Ship- Which will, for some time to come, be upon the South Coast, at or near the mouth of the Congo, or St. Paul de Loando.

Enclosed is a list of Suspected Steamers.

You will be pleased to pay from the funds of your Vessel, the expenses for embarking your Coal, and the bills must specify the number of tons received. One copy of these receipted bills will be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief when you first meet him after Coaling.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signd) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

To the
Commander
of the U. S. Steamer "Mohican."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda, January 24th 1860.

Sir:

Immediately upon your arrival here, you will require and receive from the Naval Store keeper, as much provision of every kind, as, when added to that you have now on board, will make your rations good for 4 months. You will also give immediate information to Mr. Willis, U. S. Coal Agent, of the exact quantity of Coal you will require to fill up, and when you can commence taking it on board; which you will do as soon as possible. You will take care to have an Assistant Engineer at the Coal heap to witness the weighing. You will furnish that Assistant with a flag to display, when your boats are wanted to tow off the full lighters. That signal will be shewn (and answered) just before the lighter, to be towed, is fully laden, so that the Steamer's boat may not linger, nor the lighter be delayed. You will employ your own bags, and your Steamers to fill them with Coal on shore. You will also procure the fuel necessary for Cooking.

You will fill up your water, performing all the above with the utmost diligence; as soon as to prepare your Vessel, in all respects, except lighting your fires, for instant service, for which you may expect orders immediately upon the arrival of the Commander-in-Chief.

Your Vessel is expected to be at all times ready for full inspection, without notice. The Flag Officer will estimate properly for the duty in hand.

Before Coaling you will place your Vessel in safety as near the Coal heaps of the U. S. as practicable, while under Steam and before you anchor.

I am, Very respectfully, Your obt. Sot.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer, Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Commander
S. W. Godon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
Loanda.

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
February 4th 1860.

Sir.

Except when in Chase, you will exert only a medium force of Steam, When bound South.

It is supposed that when Cruising to the Northward, without any Special necessity for haste, you can dispense entirely with Steam, and make your way under Sail alone.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"

True Copy. A. Van den Kemmel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
February 6th 1860.

Sir.

Upon receipt here of, You will deliver to Lieut. Comdg Wm E. Le Roy, all the mails whatever, that You may have for the Squadron, retaining those for the Naval Store Keeper, or other residents of Loanda. After which You will proceed to Cruise, under my instructions, on No 2 - i. e - from Point Pedras to Loango Bay.

You will take no part in the arrangement for mails, North or South, for the month of February. You will commence that duty on the month succeeding that upon which you arrive on your Station.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Gordon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

United States Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
February 11th 1860.

Sir.

You will deliver to Commander Brent, of the "Marion", any Dispatches from the Navy Department. You will remain in Company with the "Marion", until those are again given into your Charge. When you have received them, if you have not received orders by the U. S. Steamer "Mystic", You will proceed to Loanda, where you will find orders, left with the Naval Store Keeper.

You will then receive Supplies as directed by those orders, and without Loss of time, You will proceed to Cruise on Station No 2, taking with you any Mails You may have for the "Constellation" or "Portsmouth." These (including my dispatches) You will deliver to the Commander of the "Portsmouth," if You fall in with her. If you do not meet her; You will on your next Visit to Loanda leave the whole of the Mails, You bring from the U. S. for those two Ships, with the Naval Store Keeper.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
February 11th 1860.

Sir.

Upon receiving from the Commander of the U. S. Ship "Portsmouth" dispatches for Commander Brent, of the "Marion", You will proceed to Bahia Fonda, South of the Congo River, where the "Marion" will await those dispatches, on or about the 6th and 14th of each month.

If there be no such dispatches for the "Marion" You will proceed as directed by the orders, furnished to You by Lieut: Comdg Le Roy, of the "Mystic". If you have not received those orders, You will proceed to Loanda, where you will find Copies of them, in Charge of the Naval Store keeper. You will Comply with those orders.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
February 29th 1860.

Sir.

You will be pleased to leave with the British Consul, (Mr. Hutchinson) also Post Master, all the Mails, Whatever, for the "Constellation", to include my own. Those Mails will be thus retained by the Post Master, as they arrive, 28th May, June and July, at Fernando Po.

Lieut. Comdg De Koy, or the Commander of the "Marion", will inform you if that Vessel has received orders to return home - If she has re= =ceived them, my public dispatches will remain with the other Mails for this Ship at Fernando Po. But, if the "Marion" has not received her orders by the time you receive Mails at Fernando Po; You will take from those Mails all my dispatches only, which you will send to Commander Brent, by the Steamer on No 2; or the one that may Connect with the "Mohican."

You will Continue thus to send to Com= mander Brent my dispatches, until you are informed that he has received orders to leave this Station - After you receive that information You will replace, or leave my dispatches at Fernando Po, as above directed.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Commanding U. S. African Squadron

Commander
S. W. Gordon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
February 29th 1860.

Sir:

If you have joined the African Squadron for General Service, you will report to Commander John Colhoun, for duty on board the U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth", Whenever you may fall in with that Vessel.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut.
H. R. Breese
U. S. N.
U. S. Steamer "Mohican"

True Copy. A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Port Bay, Prince Island,
February 29th 1860.

Sir.

I have joined the African Squadron for General Service; You will report to Commander John Colhoun, for duty on board the U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth", Whenever you may fall in with that Vessel.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut.
George W. Young
U. S. N.
U. S. Steamer "Mohican."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Port Praia, March 31st 1860.

Extract from orders.

"The "Marion" will cruise from Cape Padron, Southerly, until she returns home. She will await your arrival with Mails at Bahia Fonda, on the 6th of each month; at which time you will also deliver the bag for Loanda, to the boat, or vessel, sent by the American Merchants therefor- that bag will probably be addressed to the British Commissioner at Loanda- You will receive in like manner on the 4th at Bahia Fonda, the mail from the "Marion" and the Loanda Bag.

In all cases when the three Steamers are in position, the Loanda Mail-Bag, will be carried to and from Bahia Fonda."—

Sir

Above are Extracts from my order of the 10th ult. February 1860, to the Commander of the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter". You will be governed by the orders Contained therein. and you will cause it to be understood by the Commanders of the "Mystic" and "Sumpter", that the detentions, at Bahia Fonda, must not be so extended as to render doubtful the connections at Loango Bay or Point Pedras.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican."

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 1st 1860.

Sir.

Orders were sent to you, dated Porto Praia March 31st 1860, directing that Lieut. Stevens be placed on board the Mail Steamer at Bonny, with the Mails for Certain Vessels of the Squadron. That order is hereby Countermanded.

The Mails for the "Constellation", "Portsmouth" and "San Jacinto," will be received at Fernando Po, by the Steamer Calling there for Mails due 28th May. If you receive those Mails; after having filled up your Coal at Clarence Cove, You will proceed to West Bay, Princes Island, where you will await the Flag Ship.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
Coast of Africa.

True Copy. N. Vanden Heuvel,
Flag Officer's Secretary.

4.

A. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 23d 1860.

Sir:

You will furnish me with a Statement, shewing for how long a time the "Mohican" can carry provisions and Water, full issue; and what quantity of Coal for the Engines.

Consumption of Coal per day, full Steam.
do do do, Medium Steam,
With the weather usual on the South Coast.

What is their average Speed under Steam, full pressure; and at Medium pressure?—

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander,
S. W. Godon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
West Bay.

True Copy A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

No. 5. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 26th 1860.

Sir:

You will proceed forthwith to Clarence Cove, Fernando Po, where you will deliver to the Post Master, the Mails sent herewith. You will receive all the Mails for the Squadron, including those due at Fernando Po, 28th instant; paying postage and taking account of it, as previously directed. You will then rejoin the Flag Ship at this place, on the 29th instant, if practicable.

If you meet the "San Jacinto, Captain Vernier, You will be pleased to deliver to him the dispatch addressed to him, sent herewith, together with all Mails whatever, that you may have for any of the Squadron, except the "Mohican" and "Constellation." If you do not meet the "San Jacinto" You will return to the Flag Officer, the dispatch for Captain Vernier.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg No. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Gordon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
West Bay.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

Ship.

H. M. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 28th 1860.

Sir.

The first inspection of the "Mohican," which I made on the 25th instant, was creditable to yourself, your Officers and Crew; with the exception of the Marine Guard, which is reported, after inspection, by 1st Lieut: J. R. F. Tattnall, Senior Marine Officer, to be in bad order and drill.

Lieut: Tattnall considers these defects to arise from the inefficiency of the Orderly Sergeant, Edwin Pitchell, in which opinion he is confirmed by your representations, and those of Lieut. Patterson.

The Senior Marine Officer has thus corroborated the opinion you expressed to me, during the inspection.

He recommends that orderly Sergeant Edwin Pitchell, be transferred from the "Mohican" to the Flag Ship "Constellation"; which you will cause to be done immediately.

Sergeant Doyle, will be transferred from the Flag Ships to the "Mohican" as Orderly Sergeant, which appointment is probationary, until after the next inspection, when its permanance will be determined.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
West Bay.

True Copy. A. Van den Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Prince's Island,
June 29th 1860.

Sir:

Enclosed are two Copies of Medical Survey upon Daniel Killen, Capt. Forecastle, John Cunningham, Seaman, and Leonidas F. Rand, Fireman, reported thereby unfit for Service.

You will cause their accounts, and these Certificates, to be prepared to accompany them, and transfer them to the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter", which will convey them to the Sloop "Marion," for passage to the U. S.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Gordon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
West Bay.

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 29th 1860.

Sir:

The Mail Steamer for Liverpool leaves Accra (West Coast) on the 12th July, at 6. P. M. You will be pleased to cause the bag with mail, (furnished to you herewith) to be placed on board that Steamer; or in such hands at Accra; that it may go forward in her, for which purpose you will time your arrival.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican."
West Bay.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 29th 1860.

Sir.

You will proceed to the Island of St. Thomas, where you will be pleased to await the arrival of H. M's Ship "Arrogant," Flag Ship of Commodore Edmonstone, R. N., who came hither, as passenger, on board the "Mohican," from Fernando Po.

When you meet the "Arrogant", and Commodore Edmonstone shall have left the "Mohican", You will proceed to execute the orders dated June 30th inst, furnished to you herewith.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
West Bay.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir:

I enclose are duplicate Copies of a Medical Survey, on Midi: F. B. Blake of the "Mohican."

You will forthwith transfer that Officer to the "Constellation", in view of his return home in the "Marion."

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
West Bay.

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir:

During my absence at the North several communications have failed to reach me. You will, therefore, be pleased to furnish me with a paper to accompany the letters of Complaint of the Bark "Edwin," at Accra, and of the Brig "Jehossee," at Whydah, both on the West Coast.

In View of any other such hiatus, You will make your future letters, on Service, full, so as to include all Matters in arrear of transmission.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican."
West Bay.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

No.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir.

From St. Thomas you will proceed with the "Mohican" to Accra, on the West Coast. You will Communicate your arrival to the Authorities officially, as usual. Immediately after which you will investigate the matter set forth in the letter of Complaint, dated April 20th 1860, (sent to you herewith) addressed to Mr. Sundlager, at Fernando Po, signed J. S. Clark, purporting to be the master of the Bark "Edwin".

You will take no action in that Case, unless the "Edwin" is an "American" Vessel, which is not stated in the Complaint.

If she be an American, You will take such remedial action as may be, in all respects, proper, to redress any grievance which may have existed; and to further the legal movements of the "Edwin", and the interests of those Concerned.

That duty done, You will proceed to Whydah Roads, where you will procure such information as you can; and take such action as may result therefrom, and may be proper, in the Case of the American Brig "Jehopee," of which the Captain, J. B. Vincent, addressed to me a letter, dated January 23d 1860, Copy of which I have just received, which Copy is furnished to you herewith; together with a Copy of a letter, purporting to be a letter of thanks to Captain Vincent, and J. St. Barneau, for assistance rendered on her return to port, under seizure, when in Charge of Lieut. H. L. Boggs, Prize Master, from H. M's Steamer "Falcon."

You will be pleased to make to me, separate written reports in each of the above cases, shewing, if ascertainable, the Nationality, Port from which the Vessel Cleared, and names of Owners &c. &c.

The "Mohican" will not Remain at Accra or at Whydah

Commander
S. W. Godon
Mid'y U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
West Bay.

Whydah, longer than the Service may require. After-
Which, You will resume your former Cruising ground
on No 1. On your return thither you are at Liberty
to touch at Fernando Po for Coal.

On this occasion the Mails for Europe will
be brought to Fernando Po by a different Steamer.
You will arrive there by the morning of the 28th
of July, when you will receive the Mails, with Wh
You will proceed to join the Flag Ship at Loand
On your way, You will keep a good Look for t
Vessels on their Stations, and deliver the Mails f
such as you may meet.

Under all Circumstances, an unceasing
Vigilance is enjoined, to prevent the Slave trad
by American Vessels.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

True copy. A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir:

In the Order for Service by Steamers on the
West Coast of Africa, dated February 1st 1860, is the
following Clause-

"The Commanders of those Steamers will
"have the relation to each other required above,
"but, their responsibilities being separate, &. will
"their Command be totally independent, each
"of the other."

That Clause is hereby rescinded and not
to be observed. You will be pleased to give
effect to this order; and You will furnish a Copy
to each of the Steamers "Mystic" and "Sumpter",
When you may meet them.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Commander
S. W. Godon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican",
West Bay.

True copy. A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

July.

H. M. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay Fernes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir.

Enclosed is a Memorandum of interchange of Mail Service, between H. M.'s Ships and those of the U. S., to which you will be pleased to give effect on the part of the "Mohican." When your tour of duty on No 1, may enable you to meet at Mayumba, the Vessels of Her Majesty.

When you fall in with any other Steamer of this Squadron, You will furnish her Commander with a Copy of this Memorandum, if he is not already possessed of it.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Gordon,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican",
West Bay.

True Copy. A. Van den Kemmel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Spec. Orders.
No. 1. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Bahia Island,
June 23d 1860.

Sir.

I regret to have heard from you of the death of Lieut. Thomas Roney, on board the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter" at Cabenda, on the 30th April last.

I desire that you will communicate to his relatives that melancholy intelligence; with an account of his illness and of the circumstances and place of his interment. Be pleased also to assure them of our sympathy in their Bereavement.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Sydney Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut. John B. Stewart
Comdg pro tem,
U. S. Steamer "Sumpter."

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Spec. Orders.
No. 1. U. S. Steamer "Sumpter"
1st Monthly Landing Return
July 1st 1860.
Fidl. No 81.

H. M. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Islands,
June 26th 1860.

Lieut.

Sir:

According to the order, dated February 1st 1860, for Steamers, it will be the duty of the "Sumpter" to be at Loanda for provision on the 15th of July next.

You will comply with that order by filling up with Coal and receive the provision and Water ordered - After which You will await there the arrival, or orders, of the Flag Officer.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman.
Flag Officer
Comdg H. M. S. African Squadron.

Lieut.
John B. Stewart
Comdg pro tem,
H. M. Steamer "Sumpter."

True copy A. Van den Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Bunces Islands,
June 30th 1860.

Lieut.

My Order of the 26th inst: is so far modified, that you will proceed hence to Kelinen, such mails and dispatches, as you may have, for Vessels of the Squadron at Loanda, and intermediate - After your arrival at Loanda, you will Comply with the order dated 26th instant.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron -

Lieut:
John B. Stewart
Comdg Juniata,
U. S. Steamer "Sumpter."

True Copy. A. Vanden Kieuel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir

Enclosed are duplicate Copies of Medical Survey on Chas. F. Norris, Sandy, Jacob Thompson, Capt. Hold; and Wm R. Baker, Asea., all of the "Sumpter", pronounced by such Survey as unfit for Service.

On meeting with Commander T. W. Brent, in the Sloop "Marion", you will transfer the above named men to that Vessel, sending with them the enclose Copies of Survey.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron -

Lieut.
John B. Stewart.
Comdg pro tem,
U. S. Steamer "Sumpter"
West Bay.

True Copy. A. Marden Hamel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir:

The Appointment to Command temporarily the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter", conferred upon you by Commander Thomas W. Brent, is hereby confirmed until the pleasure of the Department may be known; or the arrival of a Senior Officer.

You will perform the duties of Purser, as in the case of the Lieutenants previously Commanding the "Sumpter", and you will be pleased to cause an inventory to be made of all the Valuables and effects in charge of the Commander and acting Purser whom you succeeded, and to furnish a Copy thereof to the Flag Officer when you next meet him.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut.
John B. Stewart
Comdg Juv Serv
U. S. Steamer "Sumpter"
West Bay.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Praia, April 2d 1860.

Sir.

I have caused the Bread in Store here to be examined, and Classed as to Quality. This Ship has filled one Bread-room, with 20.000 lbs. of Sound Bread. All the remainder, which required it, will be re-baked and repacked, in readiness for the "Portsmouth." You will take as much of it as will fill your bread-rooms entirely. After you have received all the other good provisions and Stores, that you can Stow, you will take on board in Casks, as much of the remainder, (if there be any) of the good or re-baked bread, as will supply the issue (to be first used) for three weeks from the time you sail.

The Casks in which Bread or Whiskey is brought off and emptied, will be relanded at Porto Praia, in order that they may be sold. Casks that have contained bread or Whiskey, have absorbed so much Alcohol as to render them very dangerous if used for fuel - It is Strictly forbidden to burn them on board.

You will comply, in all other respects, with my order dated February 11th 1860, with the following exception, viz,

You will proceed from Porto Praia direct to Funchal - Madeira - I have arranged for the mails to be brought from Porto Grande to Porto Praia, where you will receive them from the Consul, Mr. Morse. As soon as the "Portsmouth" is watered, and the order as to Stores is executed, You will lose no time in reaching Madeira.

The Governor General has directed that the Custom House at Porto Praia, is to be opened for the Convenience of the Vessels of the U. S., during any extraordinary hours, by night or day. Of this you will take notice, as a great saving of time may be thus effected, which is important for the "Portsmouth". The Custom House has been open, for delivery of Stores for the Flag Ship, from daylight until after dark.

Mr. Silva, Store keeper's Clerk in Charge here, is Specially

Commander
John Colhoun
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth".

Specially Charge
U. S. Steamer "Kingfisher"
Monthly Examination
July 2d 1860
Mate M. P.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira
May 17th 1860.

Sir.

Pursuant to an order from the Navy Department, dated March 21st 1860, you are detached from the U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth", and you will report to the Commander of the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto", for duty on board that Vessel.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut:
Aaron K. Hughes
U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth".

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

specially instructed as to your supplies, and to afford facilities for the Survey, which you will cause to be held. You will furnish him with a copy of that Survey for his guidance in the Sale of Condemned Property (after the departure of the Portsmouth.) - Mr. Silva is ordered to exhibit to you my instruction above named, if you desire it. You will also furnish me with a copy of the Survey.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 17th 1860.

Sir.

You are hereby detached from the U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth", and you will report to Captain T. A. Dornin, for duty, until further orders, on board the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto."

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut. R. R. Breese
U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth."

True Copy. A. Vanderhorvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Funchal, Madeira,
May 18th 1860.

Sir.

Upon the day of your arrival here, you will immediately commence every work to be performed before your departure; which must take place punctually, after you have remained here ten days.

Thus- Your first draft of liberty men, will be sent on shore, your requisitions furnished to the Consul for Stores, Water, Caulkers- if your Ship will need them, inside or out, during your absence from the U. S.; as well as any other repairs or outfits that must be supplied from the shore. You will also, on the first day, make requisition for funds sufficient for the entire cruise.

The Department has ordered the Northern limit of the Station, to be the 20th parallel of North Latitude; and that all the Vessels of the Squadron repair forthwith to the Cruising Ground. You will govern your movements, strictly in accordance, with those orders.

You will, therefore, leave Funchal in ten days after you arrival; unless some insuperable necessity, that will satisfy me and the Department, may prevent.

From hence, You will proceed direct to Porto Grande, St. Vincent, Cape de Verd Islands, where You will remain only long enough to receive any Mails for the Squadron; and within twelve hours after you anchor, You will proceed to Porto Praya, where you will anchor in a safe position, having regard to the Stormy Season then prevailing. You will there find orders, as also, perhaps, at Porto Grande.

You will of Course bring with you from Funchal

Commander
John Colhoun
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth."

Funchal, all mails for the Squadron that may arrive there during your stay; or that you have now on board.

Enclosed is an order from the Department as to Lieut: Crabb, which you will act upon as soon as you meet the Flag Officer.

When you fall in with the "San Jacinto" you will give effect to the orders for Lieutenants Hughes, Roney and Breese, enclosed herewith.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

True Copy. A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Praia, June 2d 1860.

Sir:

Immediately upon your arrival here, you will fill up with water, and if Captain Dornin, in the "San Jacinto", has not left the port, and there be any of the public property remaining here, except the two large anchors, which are to remain in charge of the Consul, you will, without loss of time, receive such remainder on board the "Portsmouth", and make the best of your way to Loanda; where you will act as directed in my order dated St. Paul de Loanda, February 11th 1860.

In the event of your making Captures, you will comply with my "Circular Order" dated October 14th 1859; having regard to the Port in the United States, to which your prizes are sent.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
John Colhoun,
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth."

True copy. A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Special Orders
U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth"
1st Monthly Examination
July 2nd 1860.

Mich No 81.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Grande, St. Vincent.
Cape de Verd Islands.
May 27th 1860.

Sir:

If there is not at Porto Grande a sufficiency of Coal, of the U. S. Stored there, you will be pleased to purchase, of the best quality, from our Sub-Coal Agents, Messrs Vogen & Miller, enough to fill your bunkers and bags; for which they will be paid by the Navy Department, upon your receipts, as set forth in my "General instructions to Steamers," a Copy of which is left in their Office for reference; with which you will be pleased to Comply.

During your visit to Monrovia to procure Broomen &c, if the Government of Liberia should apply to you for aid in Suppressing an insurrection, or if at war with natives upon the Sea Coast of Liberia, you will be pleased to inform yourself of the necessity for such aid, and if you can render it without infringing the Sanatory regulations, or without involving a delay exceeding ten days, you will Consider yourself at liberty to Comply with such application, (to be made in writing), and you will be careful not to expose your Crew or Officers to the effects of the Climate, or other Casualty, if it can be avoided. No proffer of such Service, if unasked, will be made on your part.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
T. A. Dornin
Comdg U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation"
Porto Praia, June 2d 1860.

Sir

Immediately upon your arrival here you will fill up water, and take on board all the public property, whatever, remaining in charge of Mr. H. Silva, the Store Keeper's Clerk in Charge, whose account for Compensation You will be pleased to liquidate, as directed in my order dated Funchal, Madeira, May 18th 1860. Mr. Silva has given bonds for faithful performance of duty. When You shall have received all the public property, as above directed, You will furnish Mr. Silva, with such a paper, as may be proper, to exonerate him and his bondsmen, until the bonds can be cancelled.

The Order of the Navy Department, dated March 21st 1860, as to Lieut. Downes, has probably been carried into effect. In that event the "San Jacinto" will be short of lieutenants. Therefore, Whenever You fall in with the "Mohican", "Kumpter", or any Vessel in which Lieut: Thomas Roney may be serving, You will be pleased to send to her Commander, the envelope sent herewith, Containing the order for the transfer of Lieut: Roney, to the "San Jacinto."

The Store keeper's Clerk in Charge, has furnished me with a list of the Naval Stores, &c, of the U. S. remaining at Porto Praia, a Copy of which I enclose, which You will retain for reference by the Flag Officer. You will receive all those Stores &c, on board the "San Jacinto." If it be convenient for her to stow all of them, and the "Portsmouth" is in Company with the "San Jacinto" at Porto Praia, You will be pleased to direct Commander Colhoun to take on board his Vessel, a portion thereof, of which You will furnish him with a list, not to exceed the half Quantity of each of the Articles Contained in the list I now enclose. If the

Captain
T. A. Dornin,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto."

the "Portsmouth" does not arrive at Porto Praia before your
departure, the whole of the Articles must be taken on
board the "San Jacinto", and in either event, you must
see the account settled as above directed. The
two large Anchors have been placed in the Charge
of the U. S. Consul, to be furnished any Vessel of the U. S.
that may require them.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

True Copy. A. Marden Harvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Islands,
June 26th 1860.

Sir:

On your arrival at Loanda you will please arrange with Mr. E. A. Binnie, Store keeper, in advance, and land at the Store house any unrequired, or Surplus of the Stores received on board the "San Jacinto" at Porto Praia. You will fill up Coal and Water and make good provisions for four months, if you can. Carry so much. After which you will await the Flag Ship or later orders.

In the meantime if you meet the "Mohican" by or before the 29th inst. You will be pleased to deliver to her Commander any Mails &c, you may have for the "Constellation", receiving from the "Mohican" all mails or dispatches, which you will carry to Loanda, for all the other Vessels, unless you can previously deliver them on meeting. To this end you will look out well all along the Shore from Point Padros to Loango Bay, for the "Sumpter" - from Loango Bay to Bahia Fonda look into the Congo at Skaiks point) for the "Mystic" from Bahia Fonda to Loanda for the "Marion."

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
Thomas A. Dornin
Comdg U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto.

True Copy. A. Marden Harvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Grande, St. Vincent,
May 28th 1860.

Sir.

You will be pleased to proceed with the "Constellation" to Porto Praya, in this Group of Islands.

Your Stay there will be short. You will therefore, on arriving make immediate preparations to receive a Considerable portion of the Public Stores remaining on hand; and Water if necessary.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron -

Captain
John S. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Grande

True Copy. A. Van den Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Flag.

Sir.

U. S. Steamer "Mystic"
at Monrovia, Liberia
July 2nd 1860.

Read Nov 8th

Key.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Praia, June 2d 1860.

Sir,

The Constellation having filled Water and received the public Stores, as ordered, at Porto Praia, You will be pleased to make the best of your way to West Bay, Princes Island.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John S. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Porto Praia.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir:

You will proceed with the "Constellation" to St. Paul de Loanda, and, if without delay, it be practicable, You will be pleased to look into the Road stead of Anno Bom on your way.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John S. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay.

True Copy A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

Hy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Port Praya, Princes Island,
June 26th 1860.

Sir:

If you have not received orders to retain to the U. S., by the time you receive this letter, you will be pleased to proceed to Loanda to meet the Flag Ship, which will probably be there by, or before, the 15th of July.

You will receive on board the "Marion", if they present themselves, such invalids of the Squadron as may come with their necessary papers and accounts, for passage to the U. S.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
Thomas W. Brent,
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Marion".

True Copy. A. Standen Stennel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation
6th Monthly Examination
July 2nd 1860

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 29th 1860.

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u.

The "Sumpter" will be absent from her Station at Loango Bay on the 18th of July next. You will, therefore, be pleased, as soon as you receive the Mails for the North to Convey and leave them at Fernando Po, where you will take Coal, if you will need it to reach Loanda, where, without waiting for incoming Mails at Fernando Po, you will then repair and fill up Supplies as usual, after which you will await the Flag Ship at Loanda.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut. Comdg
Wm D. Le Roy,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mystic".

True Copy A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay
June 29th 1860
Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron
To
Lieut. Comdg
Wm D. Le Roy
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mystic"
Mail No 89.

No. 2.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, July 2d 1860.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit to the Navy Department a copy of a letter dated June 30th 1860, which I addressed to Commodore Wm. Edmonstone, Comdg H. M.'s Vessels on the West Coast of Africa. I enclose herein Copies of the Several Letters mentioned in that letter.

I also transmit herewith, a Copy of a letter, dated July 2d 1860, which I addressed to Commodore Edmonstone, accompanied by Copies of a Correspondence (three papers) between Commander J. W. Godon, of the U. S. Steamer "Mohican," and Lieutenant J. H. Thomas, Acting Commander of H. M.'s Steamer "Archer."

Herewith, I have the honor to submit Copies of the latter Correspondence, with Copy of the report thereof to me, by Commander Godon, and of my reply to him.

When replies from Commodore Edmonstone are received, they will be promptly transmitted to the Navy Department.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon. Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

African Squadron
Special Order
U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
6th Monthly Examination
July 2d 1860.
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Copy

H. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir

Having had the pleasure to meet you here on the 29th inst. of June 1860, I had the honor to submit to you personally, the three several papers, Certified Copies of which are herewith presented to your Consideration.- Viz-

A letter from S.B. Vincent, Master of the American Brig "Ichopee".

A letter from Lieut. Bagge, or Boggs, R.N., and an Official report from Commander J. W. Gordon, Comdg H. M. Steamer "Mohican" to me, as to a visit by H. M.'s Steamer "Lynx" to the American Brig "Belle" of Camden.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Sevt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer.
Commander-in-Chief
H. M. African Squadron.

Commodore
Wm Edmonstone,
Commodore & Senior Officer.
H. M. S. Frigate "Arrogant"

True Copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy.

American Brig Ichoskea
Why Oak Roads
January 23rd 1860.

To

Commodore Inman or
the Commander of the
first American Man of War.

Sir.

Having been brought here as prisoners with a prize crew and my Vessel having been taken from me by force by H. M. S. "Falcon" and anchored at this point for the last Week, and left here by her without turning the papers over to me, which papers were taken away by force is the reason of dropping these lines to inform you of Same. I likewise informed the Commander of the Falcon through Protest that I would not assume the Command of this Vessel and that I would hold him responsible for all damages.

Now Sir. I look to you for that protection and redress that is due to American Citizens and their Insulted Flag. the Vessel has been shamefully robbed & Hopeing soon to see you so as to investigate this Matter, and that I may know further how to proceed.

I Remain Your obdt Servt.
(Signed) D. B. Vincent
Once Master.

I Certify that the above is a true Copy
(Signed) C. G. Lowndes
Capts Clerk

U. S. St. "Mohican"
March 26th 1860.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Flag.

I have to thank Capt. D.B. Vincent & A.A. Barneau for their welcome aid in helping me to work the "Chassee" Brigentine, when the greater part of the Prize Crew were in a State of inebriety and not capable of doing their work, when on her passage to Wydal from Adeffie and I hereby return them my acknowledgements for their prompt aid.

(Signed) H. S. Boggs Lt.
In Charge of the Schasse
Brigentine of Charleston
S Carolina

Jany 14th
1860.

I Hereby Certify that the above is a
true Copy of the Original
(Signed) C.S. Lounder
Capt. Clerk
April 7. 1860. U. S. St. "Mohican"

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary

Accra Apl. 20th 1860.

M. Synslagen.

Dear Sir.

Should there be any American Man of War at Fernando Po, or should you know where there is one likely to be, will you please inform him or them that the Bark Edwin now under my Command is now Laying at this place ready for home, with only one man on board, She having been deprived of 4. Seamen by Command of the Civil Commandant at Winnebah by requesting to pay them of against my Will not only that but they deny the Right of any U. S. Vessel to Inves the Case they have alles Issued a Warrant for my Apprention to be put in Gaol for Refusing to pay them three months Extra Wages which I Refuse unless so ordered by some Authority of the U. S. A pity there is no Consoul here as the English is playing some fine tricks on American Travelers here, the Immediate Ipesance of one of our men of War is wanted here. I have not even any Officer on board, so my Ship is in Complete Distress & will have to Lay here until I assistance from some Source or other by making my Case known to any U. S. Vessel you will oblige me Very much.

I Remain Your truly
(Signed) J. J. Clark

True Copy. A. Warden Hazard
Flag Officers Secretary.

Copy

U. S. St. "Mohican"
Princes Island
June 29. 1860.

Sir.

I have the honor to report that on the 29th ult. I boarded the Brig "Belle" of Camden, with Coal for Govern=ment, bound into Fernando Po, when the Captain stated that he had been boarded by a boat from H. M's S. "Lynx," without previously asking permission, and examined her papers, the "Belle" flying the American Flag at the time.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) S. W. Godon
Commander

Flag Officer Wm Inman
Commander-in-Chief U. S. African Squadron.

True Copy A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

July.

U. S. S. "Mohican"
West Bay, Princes Island.
June 30th 1860.

Sir.

Your order of the 29th inst: is this moment received, the papers of the Barque "Edwin", as well as that of the "Schossee", I handed to you informally that you might have them in your possession a few hours sooner.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
(Signed) S. W. Gordon
Commander.

Flag Officer
Wm Inman
Commander in Chief U. S. African Squadron.

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, July 2d 1860.

Sir,

I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed Copies of Correspondence, dated March 23d & 24th, 1860, Consisting of three letters, Numbered 1 to 3, between Commander J. W. Godon, of the United States Steamer "Mohican," and Lieutenant J. H. Thomas, Acting Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Archer."

The Subject of the above is a Visit by the "Archer" to the American Barque "Iowa," about the 21st of March 1860, when off Loandano, West Coast of Africa.

I have approved the principle assumed by Commander Godon, in that Correspondence; and request a reply at your early Convenience.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

(Signed) Wm Inman.

Flag Officer
Commander-in-Chief
United States Naval Forces
on the West Coast of Africa.

Wm Edmonstone, Esq.
Commodore & Senior Officer
of Her Majesty's Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa.

True Copy A. Warden Hamel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

No 1—

Copy.

H. B. M. St. "Mohican"
Off Rabenda,
March 23. 1860.

Sir.

The Captain of the American Barque "Iowa", informed me this morning, on my boarding him, that She had been boarded off ~~Londaio~~, day before yesterday, by H. B. M. St "Archer," She having American Colors flying at the time, and the "Archer" also flying the American flag. The "Archer" hoisting the English flag before the boat reached the "Iowa."

Will you be kind enough to State the suspicious circumstances that induced you to board that Vessel at Sea.

The Captain of the "Iowa" made no Complaint.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) S. W. Godon
Commander

Acting Commander
J. H. Thomas,
Comdg, H. B. M. St. "Archer."

True copy. A. Vanden Kemel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

No 2—

H. B. M. Ship "Archer"
Off Fabenda
March 23. 1860.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 23. I beg to state that on the afternoon of the 20. inst., observing a barque standing into the notorious Slave Shipping place Londano, and under the Garb of a Whaler, (a most remarkable kind of Vessel at this season of the year on the Coast,) I sent an Officer on board to ascertain her right to wear the American Flag, Who having examined her Register, and finding it Correct returned on board, the Captain making no Complaint, and without Causing Detention to the Vessel.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Most respectfully
Your obdt. Servt.
(Signed) J. H. Thomas
Actg. Commander.

Commander
S. W. Godon
U. S. Steamer "Mohican."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

No 3.

U. S. S. "Mohican"
Off Rabenda
March 24, 1860.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 23d in answer to my note of the same date, requesting to be informed the Suspicious circumstances which induced you to board the American barque "Iowa", at Sea.

The circumstances you state would seem to imply suspicion as to her Conduct on the Coast, but as the "Iowa" had hoisted her own flag (the American flag) in answer to the American flag which you hoisted on board the "Archer," (presuming you to be an American Vessel of War, and having a right under that flag to board her,) She certainly should have created no Suspicion in your mind as to her nationality, her name written plainly on her Stern, "Iowa" of New York", and also, in Carved letters on her Hurricane house, confirmed this nationality. She, therefore, in my opinion, was not a subject to be Visited by a British Cruiser.

While our Cruisers along the Coast have ample instructions from our Government to vindicate the unlawful Wearing of the American flag, they are at the same time, when that flag is lawfully Carried, to see that it meets with no interruption from foreign Cruisers.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) J. W. Godon
Commander

Actg. Comde.
S. H. Thomas
Comdg H. B. M. S. "Archer."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

Extract from Report on Service from Commander J. W. Gordon, Comdg H. M. Steamer "Mohican", Flag Officer, Wm. Inman,

Dated - "H. M. S. "Mohican"
" At Sea,
" April 19. 1860.

"I enclose copies of letters which I considered necessary to address to the Commander of H. B. M. S. "Archer", in relation to her boarding the American barque "Iowa," with Commander Thomas' reply to my first note. I trust the View I have taken of the propriety of a British Cruiser boarding an American Vessel of unquestionable nationality, tho' probably of suspicious conduct, will meet your approbation.

True Copy. A. Vanden Hewel
Flag Officer's Secretary

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H. M. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 25th 1860.

Sir:

I have received a Copy of your Report on Service, dated April 19th 1860, accompanied by Copies of your Correspondence (3 papers) with Acting Commander Thomas, Comdg H. M's Steamer "Archer"; which Vessel had boarded the American Barque "Iowa."

In your report you write, that you trust that the View you have taken in that Correspondence will meet my approbation.

The Commander-in-Chief, finds it to consist with his instructions; that no foreign Vessel of War has a right to visit an American Vessel, except by Consent of the latter.

Although no Complaint appears to have been

Commander
J. W. Gordon
Comdg H. M. Steamer "Mohican"
West Bay.

been made by the Captain of the "Iowa", as to his treatment or detention by the "Archer"; the display of the American Flag by both Vessels, on approaching each other; in my judgement removes from the "Iowa" every ground of Sus=picion, to justify a visit to her by the "Archer" under her own, or any other Flag.

Thus the Flag Officer approves the principle and points you asserted in paper No 3, of your Correspondence.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Nº 1

Done

- Duplicate -

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, July 2d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit to the Navy Department a copy of a letter dated June ~~30th~~ 30th, 1860, which I addressed to Commo= =dore Edmonstone, Comdg H. M.'s Vessels on the West Coast of Africa. I enclose herein copies of the several letters mentioned in that letter.

I also transmit herewith, a copy of a letter, dated July 2d 1860, which I ad= =dressed to Commodore Edmonstone, ac= =companied by copies of a correspondence, (three papers) between Commander J. W. Godon, of the U. S. Steamer "Mohican", and Lieutenant J. H. Thomas, Acting Commander of H. M.'s Steamer Archer.

Herewith, I have the honor to submit copies of the latter Corres= =pondence, with copy of the report thereof to me, by Commander Godon, and of my Reply to him.

When replies from Commodore Edmonstone are received, they will be promptly transmitted to the Navy Department.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant.

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington,
D.C.

9. Oct 29. Hon

"Duplicate"

H. M. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island.
June 30th 1860.

Sir:

Having had the pleasure to meet you here on the 29th of June 1860, I had the honor to submit to you personally, the three several papers, Certified Copies of which are herewith presented to your Consideration. Viz-

A letter from L.T. Vincent, Master of the American Brig "Lafrossee".

A letter from Lieut: Bagge & Boggs, R. N., and an Official report from Commander J.W. Gordon, Comdg H. M. Steamer "Mohican" to me, as to a visit by H. M's Steamer "Lynx" to the American Brig "Belle" of Camden.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signd) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Commander-in-Chief
H. M. African Squadron.

Commodore
Wm Edmonstone.
Commodore & Senior Officer
H. M's S. Frigate "Arrogant."

True Copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Duplicate

Encl.

American Brig "Tehossee"
Whydah Roads
Janry. 23d. 1860.

Commodore Inman, or
Commander of the
Ist American Man of War.

Sir.

Having been brought
as prisoners with a prize Crew and my Vessel
having been taken from me by force by H.M.S. "Falcon"
and anchored at this point for the last week, and
I here by her without turning the papers over to me,
such papers were taken away by force is the reason
of dropping these lines to inform of same. I likewise
informed the Commander of the Falcon though protest
that I would not assume the Command of this
Vessel and that I would hold him responsible
for all damages.

Now Sir, I look to you for that protection
and redress that is due to American Citizens and
their Insulted Flag, the Vessel has been shamefully
robbed & Hopeing soon to see you so as to in-
vestigate this matter, and that I may know
further how to proceed.

I Remain Your Obdt. Servt.
(Signed) S.B. Vincent
Once Master

I Certify that the above is a true Copy.
(Signd) C. G. Lowndes
Capt's Clerk

U.S.S. "Mohican"
March 26th 1860

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

Duplicate.

Copy.

I have to thank Capt. S. B. Vincent
& J. N. Bachman for their welcome aid in
helping me to work the Schooner "Brigantine"
when the greater part of the Prize Crew were
in a State of inebriety and not Capable of doing
their Work, When on her passage to Wilmington
from Adeffie and I hereby return them my
acknowledgements for their prompt aid.

(Signed) H. S. Boggs Lt.
In Charge of the Schooner
Brigantine of Charleston
S. Carolina

Jany 14th
1860.

I Hereby Certify that the above is a true Copy
of the Original.

(Signd) C. G. Lowndes
Capt. Clerk
U. S. St. "Mohican"

April 7. 1860.

True Copy A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

Duplicate

Accra, Apl 20th 1860.

Sy.

H. Symelagar,

Dear Sir.

Should there be any American Man of War at Fernando Po, or Should you know where there is one likely to be, Will you please inform him or them that the Bark Edwin now under my Command is now Laying at this place ready for a one, with only one Man on board, the having been deprived of 4 Seamen by Command of the Civil Commandant at Winnebah by flagstaffing & pay them against my Will not only that but they deny the right of any U.S. Vessel to Ipoes the Case they have also Issued a Warrant for my apprention & be put in Gaol for refusing & pay them three months Extra Wages which I refuse unless so ordered by Some Authority of the U.S. A pity there is no Consul here as the English is playing some fine tricks on American Travellers here, the Immediate presance of one of our Men of War is wanted here. I have not even any Officer on board, So my Ship is in Complete distress & will have to lay here until Assistance from Some Source or other, by making my Case known to any U.S. Vessel You will oblige me Very much.

I Remain Your truly
(Signed) J. H. Clark

True Copy. A. Warden Haswell
(Flag Officer's Secretary.)

Duplicate

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H. M. S. "Mohigan"
Princes Island
June 29. 1860.

No. 11.

Sir,

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I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) J. W. Gordon
Commander

Flag Officer
Wm Inman
Commander-in-Chief
H. M. African Squadron.

True Copy. L. Vanden Bemel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Duplicate

H. M. S. "Mohican"
West Bay, Princes Islands,
June 30th 1860.

Sir,

Your order of the 29th inst: is this moment received, the papers of the Barque "Edwin", as well as that of the "Schossee", I regarded, to you informally that you might have them in your possession a few hours sooner.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) S. W. Gordon
Commander

To
Flag Officer
Wm Inman
Commander-in-Chief
H. M. African Squadron.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
(Flag Officer's Secretary.)

Duplicate

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, July 2d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed Copies of Correspondence, dated March 23rd & 24th 1860, consisting of three letters, numbered 1 to 3, between Commander J. W. Godon, of the United States Steamer "Mohican", and Lieutenant J. H. Thomas Acting Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer "Archer."

The subject of the above is a visit by the "Archer" to the American "Bague "Igoa", about the 21st of March 1860, When off Londana, West Coast of Africa.

I have approved the principle assumed by Commander Godon, in that Correspondence; and request a reply at your early Convenience.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Commander-in-Chief
United States Naval Forces
on the West Coast of Africa

Wm Edmonstone, Esq.
Commodore & Senior Officer
of Her Majesty's Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa.

True Copy A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

No. 1.

Duplicate.

H. I. M. S. "Mohican."
Off Tabenda
March 23rd 1860.

No.

The Captain of the American Barque "Iowa" informed me this Morning, on my boarding him, that she had been boarded off Londaro, Day before Yesterday, by H. B. M. S. "Archer." She having American Colors flying at the time, and the "Archer" also flying the American flag. The "Archer" hoisting the English flag before the boat reached the "Iowa."

Will you be kind enough to State the Suspicious Circumstances that induced you to board that Vessel at Sea.

The Captain of the "Iowa" made no Complaint.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) J. M. Jodon
Commander

Acting Commander
J. H. Thomas
Comdg H. M. S. Archer.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

No 2.

Duplicate

H. B. M. Ship Archer
Off Gabenda
March 23d 1860.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23d. I beg to state that on the afternoon of the 20. inst. observing a barque standing into the notorious Slave Shipping place Loandas, and under the Garb of a Whaler, (a most remarkable kind of Vessel at this Season of the year on the Coast) I sent an Officer on board to ascertain her right to wear the American Flag, Who having examined her Register, and finding it Correct returned on board, the Captain making no Complaint, and without causing detention to the Vessel.

I have the honor to be
Most respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
(Signed) J. H. Thomas
Actg Commander

Commander
S. W. Godon
U. S. Steamer "Mohican."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

No 3.

Duplicate

U. S. St. "Mohican"
Off Kabenda,
March 24th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 23d. in answer to my Note of the same date, requesting to be informed the Suspicious Circumstances which induced you to board the American Barque "Iowa", at Sea.

The circumstances you state would seem to simply Suspicion as to her Conduct on the Coast, but as the "Iowa" had hoisted her own flag (the American flag) in answer to the American flag which you hoisted on board the "Archer", (presuming you to be an American Vessel of War, and having a right under that flag to board her) She certainly should have created no Suspicion in your mind as to her Nationality, her name written plainly on her Stern, "Iowa of New York," and also, in Carved letters on her hurrican house, Confirmed this Nationality, She, therefore, in my opinion, was not a Subject to be Visited by a British Cruiser.

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Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) S. W. Godon
Commander

Actg Comdr.
J. H. Thomas
Comdg H. B. M. St. "Archer."

True Copy. N. Warden Haurel
Flag Officer's Secretary

Duplicate

Extract from a Report on Service from Commander J. W. Gordon, Comdg H. M. Steamer "Mohican" to Flag Officer Wm Inman—

Dated— "H. M. S. "Mohican"
At Sea
April 19. 1860.

I enclose Copies of letters which I considered necessary to address to the Commander of H. B. M. S. "Archer", in relation to her boarding the American barque "Iowa", with Commander Thomas' reply to my first Note.
I trust the View I have taken of the propriety of a British Cruiser boarding an American Vessel of unquestionable Nationality, tho' probably of Suspicious Conduct, will meet your approval.—

True Copy A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Copy. H. M. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 26th 1860.

Sir.

I have received a Copy of your Report on Service, Dated April 19th 1860, accompanied by Copies of your Correspondence (3 papers) with Acting Commander Thomas, Comdg H. M's Steamer "Archer", which Vessel had boarded the American Barque "Iowa."

In your Report, You write, that You trust that the View You have taken in that Correspondence will meet my approbation.

The Commander-in-Chief finds it to Consist with his instructions; that no foreign Vessel of War has a right to visit an American Vessel, except by Consent of the Latter.

Althoug no Complaint appears to have been made by the Captain of the "Iowa" as to his treatment or detention by the "Archer"; the display of the American Flag, by both Vessels, on approaching each other; in my judgement, removes from the "Iowa" every Ground of Suspicion, to justify a Visit to her by the "Archer" under her own, or any other flag.

Thus the Flag Officer Approves the principle and points You asserted in paper No 3. of your Correspondence.

I am, Very respectfully, Your obt. Svt.
(Signd) Wm Inman
Flag Officer Comdg H. M. S. African Squadron

Commander, J. W. Gordon
Comdg H. M. S. Steamer "Mohican"
West Bay.

True Copy A Vanden Heuvel

Duplicate

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, July 10th 1860.

4.

In order to provide the necessary accountability for the property of the U. S., in the Pursers Department, on board the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter" during the Interval of temporary Command of that Vessel, by Lieut. John B. Stewart; I have found it necessary to issue to him the order, a Copy of which is subjoined.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Wm Inman

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island, June 30th 1860.

Sir:

The appointment to Command temporarily the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter", Conferred upon you by Commander Thomas T. Brent, is hereby Confirmed, until the pleasure of the Department may be known, or the arrival of a Senior Officer.

You will perform the duties of Purser, as in the Case of Lieuts: previously Commanding the "Sumpter", and you will be required to Cause and inventory to be made of all the valuables and effects in Charge of the Commander and acting Purser whom you succeeded; and to furnish a Copy thereof to the Flag Officer, When you next meet him.

I am, Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut:
John B. Stewart
Comdg pro tem
U. S. Steamer "Sumpter", West Bay.

True Copy. A Vanden Heuvel

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Duplicate

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, July 12th 1860.

Sir:

In my letter No 60. I had the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st of March last, which contains the clause following, Viz-

"In the case of Lieut. Downes, the Department regrets that you should have taken upon yourself the responsibility of assigning him to duty in the Squadron, as he had its assurance that his Cruise would be a short one and that he would be relieved from the Supply on her return to the United States. You will give him orders to return to the United States by the first opportunity."

In obedience to the above, I addressed to Lieut. Downes, Executive Lieutenant of the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto", Captain Dornin, an order, dated May 17th 1860, corresponding to the above instruction.

I subjoin an Extract from a letter, dated U. S. Ship "Supply", St. Paul de Loando, Dec. 16th 1859, addressed to me by Lieut. Downes-

"I respectfully request that you will now grant me the position in this Squadron to which my rank entitles me, of which I do not believe you would wish to deprive me."

In accordance with that request I issued an order, dated Jan'y 7th 1860, by which Lieut. Downes was transfered from the "Supply" to the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto," "in this Squadron" to assume the position of Executive Lieutenant, to which his rank entitled him.

I have the honor to report that having Sent the Steamer "Susquehanna" on the 29th Ulto. I directed her Commander to carry out the order of the Department, dated November 28th 1859, for the discharge of Edward Espinita, Ship's barber.

I am, Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

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I have the honor to report, that having met the Steamer "Jumpter" on the 29th ult: I directed her Commander to carry out the order

— order

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington. D.C.

order of the Department, dated November 28th
for the discharge of Edward Esquita, Ship's boy
Sam,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

J. M. Inman

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

No 85.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, July 21st 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, duplicate report of Medical Survey, upon Midshipman C. B. Blake, of the U. S. Steamer "Mohican."

That report recommends that he shall leave the Station. I have, therefore, ordered him, to return to the United States, in the "Marion," when she may be ordered home.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.
Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

1 Copy to Hon. Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington,
D.C.

Duplicate

U. S. St. "Mohican"
West Bay. Prince's Island
June 30th 1860.

Sir

In obedience to the preceeding order, we have held a strict and careful Medical Survey upon Midshipman F. B. Blake, and respectfully report as follows.

We find Mr. Blake somewhat reduced in strength and flesh: he has a slight hacking cough: and considerable general debility.

We are of opinion he is unfit for service at present, and that he should more leave this station to avoid a serious invasion of his health.

Its duration is uncertain.

As this condition followed a slight attack of Pleurisy, caused by getting wet feet while employed in the line of duty, it may be considered as having so originated.

We are very respectfully
Your obedient servants
J. L. Smith, Fleet Surgeon
Chas. F. Fahs P. A. Surgeon
Jno. W. Browne
P. A. Paymr.

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Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

To Flag Officer
Wm Inman
Comdg. U. S. Squadron
West Coast Africa

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U. S. St. "Mohican"
Best Bay, Princes Island,
June 29, 1867.

Sir:

I have to report to you that H. B. Blake, Midshipman, attached to this ship, is in such an impaired state of health, as to render it necessary, in my opinion, that he should leave this station. I would, therefore, recommend that a medical survey be held upon him, as soon as it may be expedient.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obdt Servt.
(signed) G. F. Hahs,
P. A. Surgeon

Commander G. W. Gordon,
Comdg. U. S. St. Mohicans.

U. S. St. Mohican
Best Bay, Princes Island
June 29, 1867.

Sir:

On the recommendation of P. A. Surgeon, G. F. Hahs, of this ship, I respectfully request that a medical survey may be called in the case of Midshipman H. B. Blake.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obdt Servt.
(signed) G. W. Gordon
Commander

Flag Officer,
Wm Inman,
Commander in chief U. S. African Squadron.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island
June 29th 1860.

Gentlemen,

You will hold a strict and careful Medical Survey upon Midshipman F. B. Blake, reported by the Medical Officer of the "Mohican" to be in such an impaired State of health as to render it necessary that he should leave this Station; and you will report to me in Triplicate your decision.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.

Wm Lynch

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Fleet Surgeon Thomas L. Smith
Pd. Asst do Charles F. Fahs
Pd Asst do. John M. Browne

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 25th 1860.

Sir.

I have the honor, to inform the Department, that I have received, from Lieut. Comdg Wm. E. Le Roy, his report of Capture, on the 27th June, 1860. of the "Hope" Brig, Thomas Achorn, of and from New York. Lieut. Comdg Le Roy, furnished me, at the same time, a copy of his report of that Capture, to the Department, dated, U. S. S. "Mystic", Kabenda 29th June 1860.

In that letter of report, Lieut. Comdg Le Roy, mentions the purchase, for the use of the "Mystic," of 1.000 lbs. of bread, from the Whale ship "Brunswick", and of 600 lbs. of bread from another Vessel.

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Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington.

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bread, from the "Supply", to be re-baked, imme
after it was landed.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

John Guthrie

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadr

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
July 25th 1860.

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Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

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I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant.

Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg H. M. S. African Squad

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation",
St. Paul de Loanda,
July 28th 1860.

Sir.

I have the honor to report the arrival here, of this Ship on the 22d instant.- All well.

During the cruise from Princes Island, 21 days, the "Constellation" has been worked to Windward, keeping out of sight of the Coast, and parallel to it. Only two Vessels have been seen; which were examined.- One was the Bark "Cochituate", which brought Stores from Boston, for the Squadron, had landed them at Loanda; and sailed on the 19th instant.

I found here the "Marion" and "Sumpter", as ordered. The latter will sail on the 28th, on a a cruise to the Northward along the Coast. The former will remain here; and a Court-Martial will be held on board her, upon the arrival of another Vessel of the Squadron. The general health on board the "Marion" and "Sumpter" is good.

As it is inconvenient for Lieut: McDonough to remain on board the "Sumpter", while She is cruising, and he occupies the whole apartment of the Commander; I have directed him to be re= =ceived on board the Flag Ship, from whence he can more readily obey the (expected) Commands of the Department, incident to his (Continued) Suspension, reported in my dispatch No 66.-

Previous to my arrival, Commander O. H. Brent, of the "Marion," had ordered Midshipman Farquhar; passenger from the United States in the last Store Ships; to join the Steamer "Mystic", from which the Master had been sent away, in charge

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Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

of a prize, and there remained only Lieut: Conrad
Le Roy and Lieut: Hastum, to perform the whole
duty. The "Mystic" will probably arrive here in abo
this month, I shall then see the orders of Midshi
Farquhar, and if they do not forbid, he will rem
on board the "Mystic" until the Department ma
give, or refuse its' sanction.

I respectfully inform the Department, th
the casualties of the Service, on this Station, are so
and so frequent, that there is imminent risk of t
vessels remaining in port, to await the reply of the
Department to my application for other Officers, or
sanction to indispensable transfers. In that connex
I have the honor to report, that Boatswain Hinge
has joined this Ship for duty, and that the Actin
Appointment of Wm. Long has ceased, as ordered by
letter of the Department, dated March 21st 1860.

Mr. Long has applied to be discharged,
to be permitted to return home in the "Marion", w
she may leave the Station. I felt it incumbent u
me to grant those requests; but I was constrained
my Letter orders, to decline compliance with the re
proper application of Commander Brent, viz, that
Long might be ordered as Acting Boatswain to th
"Marion", as that Vessel has not had a Boatswain
for more than a year; She has no Master and i
quite Short of her Complement of men.

My duty requires that I place these facts
clearly before the Department, because of the ill effec
upon the Service, consequent upon the want of any au
on my part to make transfers and appointments.
is practically brought to the notice of Commanding and
Officers of the Squadron, much to their professional in co
=venience. I need not say that its' novelty excites their
If any result, untoward to the Service, shall thus lead
question, with reference to the Department, I take leave to
that I shall hold myself acquitted of the responsibility.

I am, Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant

Jno Lyman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squa

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
July 28th 1860.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit here=
=with, a Copy of report made to me by Com=
=mander Thomas W. Brent, of protection rendered
on the 1st and 3d of March last, by the U. S.
Sloop "Marion," under his Command, to the
Factories at Kinsembo, property of American
residents, who requested that protection.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Jno Lyman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Hon: Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

U. S. Ship "Marion"
Off Bahia Fonda,
March 6th. 1860—

Sir,

Having sailed from Loanda on the 11th. February under your orders dated the previous day, &, on the same evening parted company with the Flag Ship, I proceeded to cruise on the service assigned me.

On the 17th., I crossed the Congo in chase of a vessel going out of the river on the Northern shore, and, coming up with her, she proved to be a French Bark, the "Rose Maguerite" of Marseilles.

Being on the Northern side of the Congo, I availed myself of the opportunity to fill up with water at Kabenda.

On the 21st., communicated with the "Dumpter" which had just crossed from the S.a

Having recrossed the river, I resumed my proper cruising ground.

On the 29th. February, anchored off Kinsembo, where I found H. B. M. S. "Falcon", &, among a few other merchant vessels, the American Bark "Sea Mew" of Salem.

I sent on shore to inquire into the state of affairs, as affected by the difficulties arising out of the recent

murder

murder of Don Nicolau, a native Prince under Portuguese protection, and received information that there was apparently no immediate cause for apprehension; but Mr. Lovett, agent for Brookhouse & Co. of Salem, expressed a wish that the Ship might remain for a few days, & I acceded to his request. A similar application for protection was ~~to~~ made to me by Mr. Mecham, agent for a British House.

On the 1st. March, about 11 at night, I received a communication (a copy of which is enclosed) signed by Mr. Lovett & the European residents requesting protection, as they had received information that the natives in large force, intended to fight the Portuguese, &, if they (the natives) had the advantage, to come to the Point & destroy the Factories. I was notified that a similar request on the part of the English residents had been addressed to Commander Fitzroy of the "Falcon."

I accordingly landed an armed force consisting of about forty persons, including all the Marines under Orderly Sergeant Jones. Lieut. Whiting, Asst. Surgeon Washington and Mr. Brent, My Clerk, accompanied me, & I left orders with Lieut. Morris, the Executive Officer of the Ship, to send reinforcements should they be required by signal.

Upon landing I established a guard at the American Factory, and sent Lieut. Whiting with part of our force to occupy the Dutch Factory, which, as the most advanced, was exposed to be first attacked.

Comdr. Fitzroy with his force occupied the two English Factories.

During the night there was no cause for alarm, & some of the natives coming on the next morning, stated, that the Portuguese had not attempted to cross the river from Ambriz.

Believing there was nothing to be apprehended for the present, I returned with our party to the Ship, after having arranged signals for danger by day or night.

The "Portsmouth" came in & anchored, & sailed again the day after. Comdr. Colhoun directed me to remain & look after the security of the Factories, and he made arrangements by which I was to have received ~~by~~ the mail, had I been detained beyond the day of Rendezvous here.

On the 3d. March, at 11.45 A.M., the American & other Factories hoisted their colors union down, and, at the same moment, several of the native villages were observed to be on fire.

The Boats were hoisted out, & a force numbering about fifty, landed with the Howitzer & small arms. Lieut Stanton

Hartlow, in addition to the Officers mentioned on the previous occasion, accompanied me. Lieut. Morris remained in charge of the Ship with directions to send supplies of provisions & water, the latter article being scarce on shore, in consequence of the well being in a remote position exposed to danger.

I proceeded to reconnoitre in advance of the Dutch Factory, & could discern with the glass, an irregular firing of small arms, & that it was approaching towards us, but could not distinguish the different parties from each other.

After ascertaining from the residents their line of separation from the territory of the natives, I determined to form within it & prevent all encroachments. Comdr. Fitzroy agreeing in opinion, we called up our respective detachments and halted in the same line.

It was now ascertained that it was the Portuguese Troops who were approaching, & Comdr. Fitzroy & myself, accompanied by the American & other residents, advanced in front of our line.

The Portuguese Troops having halted, His Excellency The Governor General of Angola, who commanded them in person, advanced with his suite to meet us. After an exchange of courtesies, he requested that he might be allowed to leave some of his men who were much exhausted with fatigue. I replied that feelings of humanity naturally prompted us to favor his request, but, as we were there for the protection of the lives & property of the residents, we begged leave to refer the question to the consideration of those Gentlemen. They stated that it would be impossible to comply without compromising them with the savages to whose fury their lives & property would inevitably be exposed, after the withdrawal of the Portuguese Troops and the departure of the Men-of-War which happened for the moment to be at the anchorage

His Excellency was not satisfied, but as he must have seen that there was no disposition towards complying with his desires, proceeded to withdraw his Troops.

During the conference a continual fire was kept up between the Portuguese & natives, to which, from our position, we were equally exposed with the former; but the greatness of the distance, together with the inferiority of the arms, rendered it ineffective.

In the mean time parties of natives were observed stealing towards our rear, so as to threaten the Factories, but on a detachment from our

our force and another from that of the English moving in a run in that direction, they fled and disappeared.

The Portuguese Troops having moved off on their return to Amboy, we were at leisure to devote our whole attention to the natives, but learned from stragglers who came in that the strict neutrality which had been observed on the part of the ~~Officers~~ Factories, had produced the effect of allaying the previous animosity towards them.

Although the disposition of the natives seemed favorable, yet it was thought prudent that we should continue in the Factories during the night; but, as had been anticipated, there was no disturbance, and, in the morning, I withdrew our party and returned to the Ship. Comdr. Fitzroy d° the same and sailed in the afternoon.

After the withdrawal of the Portuguese, one of their soldiers who appeared to be much exhausted with fatigue, was found, & I sent him on board to be taken care of, & Comdr. Fitzroy kindly conveyed him in the "Falcon" to one of the Portuguese Men-of-War at Amboy.

During these transactions I was ably assisted by Lieut. Morris who promptly prepared & despatched from the Ship whatever was necessary for our operations; and

and on shore by Lieuts. Whiting & Stanton with their respective commands; Mr. Brent did duty with that of Lieutenant Whiting. Every precaution having been taken by Asst. Surgeon Washington in regard to the health of the men, I trust that no ill consequences will result from their necessary exposure to the sun and remaining two nights on shore. Their conduct was excellent throughout.

I am under particular obligations to Mr. Lovett of the American, & Mr. Verdyk of the Dutch Factory with whom we were quartered, & likewise to Mr. Meehan & the other gentlemen of the English Factories.

Our force and that of the English under Comdr. Fitzroy co-operated in concert & harmony.

I beg to enclose copies of letters I received from Mr. Lovett & the European residents, & my reply.

Having been assured by the residents that they felt entirely secure, & H. B. M. Screw Corvette "Cornelis Sirks" having arrived and intending to remain some days, I considered my presence no longer required and sailed yesterday for the Rendezvous here, where I arrived in the evening, finding the "Portsmouth" & H. B. M. S. "Sorlow".

By the "Dumpter"

arrival

arrival to day I received your communication dated 29th February 1860—

I have the honor, to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant
Chas H. Brent
Commander

Flag Officer
Wm Inman
Comdg U.S. African Squadron
U.S. Flag Ship "Constellation"

Kissembo 1st March 1860—

Commander Brent
U.S.S. "Marion"

Sir,

Within the last hour all my factory boys have left me, and I have been informed that the natives have assembled in a large force at Kissembo Town and intend to fight the Portuguese, should they be (the Natives) victorious it is their intention to come to the Point & destroy the Factories.

We therefore request you to send a sufficient force to guard the Factory to night.

We remain
Your Obt. Servants.
Signed
Edmonds Lovett
R. B. Knight
W. H. Lloyd
W. H. Smith
L. P. Verdyk

P.S—
The English Residents have requested the like favor from the "Falcon"

Kinsembo 4th. March 1860

Sir,

We the undersigned beg leave to address you previous to your leaving this anchorage in order to tender our most earnest thanks for the valuable assistance you & your Officers rendered yesterday in protecting us against the attempted occupation of the Point by the Portuguese Troops.

We are well aware of the advantages you have afforded us in thus acting; whereas if the Point had been unprotected, & the Portuguese have met with no resistance our lives & property would have most undoubtedly been exposed.

We therefore feel that your presence saved us, by taking so energetic & decisive a step.

Begging that you will accept yourself & that you will convey to the Officers under your command our most cordial thanks,

We have the honor, to be, Sir Your Most Obt. Humble Servants

Manuel Mickam
Edmonds Loreth
Robert Knight
L. P. Verdyk
Jen M. Davis

Captain Brent
H.M.S.S. Mariow

Signed

Copy

Kissembo March 4th. 1860—

Captain Brent

Dear Sir,

Having no further apprehensions of an attack either from the natives or Portuguese, & as very thing will most likely remain quiet here for some length of time, I hereby beg you to accept my grateful thanks for your timely assistance here yesterday as we have no doubt whatever of the object of the Portuguese force marching to the Point, & we think that if they had met with opposition the Portuguese Flag would now be flying here and our property & lives have been in imminent danger— also are very thankful for the promptness with in which you answered our signals.

Thinking that we are perfectly safe from molestation & that we shall no longer require your protection,

We remain
Your Obt. Servants,
Edmonds Loreth

(Signed)

British Consulate
April 3rd 1860.

H.M. Capt.n Brent.

I came from my far away position
on the hill this morning in hopes of seeing you, and
acknowledgeing the very prominent manner in which
you, as the Senior Officer, contributed in Conjunction
with Captain Fitzroy, Comg the Falcon to the preservation
not only of the Factories on the point of Kinsembo, but
also of the good feeling between the Natives and Europeans
here; I Consider, & have represented to the British Govt
the firmness and prudence which was displayed on
this occasion in preventing the advance of the Portuguese
force upon the Factories without giving ground for the
adoption of Violence by either party was of infinite
importance, the whole conduct seems to have been
such a masterly character, that, although I feel your
professional reputation does not require the support of
any report from me, yet I feel it a duty to place
you in my despatch conspicuously before the Secretary
of Foreign affairs in England. With every best wish
I Reine me, My dear Capt.n Brent, Very Sincerely Yrs

(Signed) H. V. Huntley
H.M. Arbitrator & Consul.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda.
August 11th 1860

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith, a
ing of the Country, adjacent to the Factories at
insembo, shewing the roads, Portuguese forts and
osts; and the Malachite and Copper Mines, in the
terior; also a portion of the sea coast, with the
ortuguese port of Ambriz, separated by the river Loge,
om the Factories at Pinsembo, or Lucembo. Those
ading factories, are occupied by English, Dutch
nd American Merchants, who employ a Considerable
mount of Capital - the native King and people
aving the Sovreignty.

Sir: Henry V. Huntley, the British Consul, and
esent Acting Commissioner at Loanda, has repre=
ented to me, that the foreign Merchants established
Pinsembo, are interested, that the Portuguese Gover=
ent, should not extend its Sovreignty, further North
Each - because the trade with the interior, would
once, receive a serious check, from the indis=
osition of the Natives, to be governed by the
ortuguese.

When the latter, assumed the Government
Ambriz, some time ago, the trade, which theretо=
re, had been very great at that place, was so
uch injured, that the foreign Merchants, promptly
oved to their factories, across the Loge, to Pinsembo,
der the rule of the Native King.

I believe I am correct, when I say, that upon
t occasion, a Correspondence, between the British
d Portuguese, Local and home Authorities, resulted
the Understanding, that the Portuguese should not
— extend.

on.

Isaac Toucey
ecretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

extend their possession of the Country, on the Co
or in the Interior, any further to the North.

I have conversed, with an intelligen
American Merchant, established here, Who corrobor
these Statements, which I respectfully submit, a
as the accompanying Papers, kindly proffered
me, by Sir Henry V. Huntley, H. M's Consul and
Commissioner at Loanda.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Jno Lowman

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

1858

■ Are Forts.
◎ Are stations on the way to the mines.
○ Are Negro Villages.
• Are Negro villages which have been burned by hostile blacks.

Where the road is marked – the villages are put down from actual observation, Where no road is marked the villages are put down from Hearsay.

Ambriz	from Level of Sea	28 feet
Mulata		158 "
Quidillo		240 "
Quitalla		490 "
Luco		640 "
Sanga		620 "
Bembe		770 "

Cabinda

R. Congo or Zaire

Ximbau

Porto da Lenha

Mangue Negro

Cobra

R. Inga mm dombe

Mangue Grande

Ambrizette

Mussera

Ambriz

Quicombo

Quingombe

R. Loge

Quicolla

Ambriz 8s

Road to Ambrizette

Mussoungos

Monte Elusino

Quimalenco

Road from Ambriz to Bembe and the mines

Luco

Quitalla

Quidillo

Matuta

Sanga

Bembe

Malachite mines Belonging to an English Company Called the Western Africa Mal. Copper Mines Co.

Rio do Bembe

R. Lagueia

Road from Bembe and the mines to Embumba via Encoge

R. Umbumba

R. Luaje

R. Barroca

Encoge

Mangoge

Rock with copper ore

Quenzenbe

Quenguengo

Baboangongo

Mangue Quemba

Ugangalangongo

Cangabomba

S. Salvador do Congo

R. Luaje

Fulofulo

Conco

Quinalla do Marquez Catende

Quicunga

Embumba

R. Ambriz

Lufussa

R. Lufussa

12°

13°

14°

15°

Confidential

Loanda August 4th 1860

Sir

Although I can have no doubt of your having been very fully informed by Captain Brent Commanding the United States Ship Marion, upon the events which took place in March last at the Factories on Kinsembo Point, chiefly perhaps with reference to the movements of the Portuguese troops under the immediate command of the Govr General, for the purpose it was said of "Chastising the people of Kinsembo for the murder" of a person called Don Miadan el'Agua Rozada e Sardonica, a reputed Prince of Congo and Portuguese Subject, then holding the appointment of clerk under the Government of Angola; yet a concise sketch of this persons life may be desirable.

United States
Lg officer William Ingram
Commander in Chief
&c &c
West Coast of Africa &c

he having been, through the instrumentality of others, the cause of the present aspect of affairs in the Kinsembo County; his - - murder having given to the Portuguese Govt of this province the opportunity of prosecuting its projects for the destruction of the Foreign trade to the north of Ambriz, under the pretext of exacting reparation for the murder of Don Micalau, who is styled by the Govr General a Portuguese subject upon the sole ground that he was born in Congo, over which country Portugal claims to hold territorial rights.

At an early age Don Micalau was brought from St. Salvador, the Capital of the Congo nation, sent to Lisbon, there was carefully educated, treated as a Prince, & given the honorary rank of Colonel in the Queens Lancers; when an adult he was sent back to St. Salvador, but the natives considering him nothing more than a person employed by the Government of Portugal for the purpose of introducing the influence and ultimate rule of Portugal over the Congo Nation, Don Micalau was obliged to fly from St. Salvador, and reaching Loanda was appointed to be a clerk in a Government office at Ambriz, from which he fled in February last, under fear of punishment for an official offence, to take shelter at Kinsembo, as he was advised from Loanda, on board of any "British vessel of war he might find there."

The offence of Don Micalau consisted in clandestinely publishing in the Gazette of Lisbon a protest against the "auto", or proclamation of the Coronation of the new King of Congo, the legitimate and very unpopular successor of the late King; the protest declared the "auto" to be a forgery, though it had appeared in the official bulletin published under the supervision of the Governor General of this

Province

province, who had sent a military force to attend the Coronation of the new reigning King; and by this "Auto" the King declared himself to hold the Sovereignty of Congo as a Vassal of the King of Portugal.

In point of fact, I believe both "Auto" and protest to have been spurious documents, the first got up by the Gov.r General to support the Portuguese claims to the Sovereignty of Congo - the other, by two foreign authorities to counteract it.

In February of this year the mail Steamer from Lisbon, arrived bringing with other papers the Gazette of that place in which was the protest against the "Auto," signed by Don Nicolau, declaring the said "Auto" to be a forgery.

upon this being known to the Gov.r General he expressed his determination to punish Don Nicolau; the latter was apprised of that intention by the foreign offices, alluded to already, in Loanda, and induced to fly from Ambriz to Kinsembo for the purpose of seeking security as a "Political Refugee on board a British Ship of war should one be there" -

To which character he certainly could make no claim.

Under the pressure of this advice he accordingly fled, reached Kinsembo, and the people having him in their power brutally murdered him the next day.

Upon this murder being known, the Gov.r General actively suppressed the part of Don Nicolau being a culpable official, and recognising him only as a Portuguese subject, whose murder he was determined to avenge, he prepared for the invasion of the Kinsembo Country.

At this point the question commences which more peculiarly applies to the position of the Trading Factories upon Kinsembo point, of which there are four, namely, United States one, British two, Holland one; the interests of these are precisely alike; the hindrance of trade arising from the intrusion by any cause whatever would equally injure each factory; the possession of the Kinsembo Coast by the Portuguese would enable that nation to ruin every

factory

factory now there by the institution of the Land System of Custom dues which drove the General Merchants from Ambriz in 1857.

Portugal assumed military possession of Ambriz in 1856- but it was not till 1857 that the silly policy of that nation determined to levy duties upon imports, not according to the invoice prices, but upon the prices for which those imports were sold to the natives.

The object of this evidently was to force the foreign trade to Loanda where the System abovementioned does not exist; possibly also with the view of leaving the coast about Ambriz open for the operations of another Species of Trade very little repugnant to Portuguese feeling and habits.

This exaction instead of operating in accordance with the shallow policy of the Portuguese Provincial Government, merely created a trading port close to Ambriz, and Kinsembo not being under Portuguese jurisdiction the heavy duties laid on by them was avoided, and now any Merchant

can

land a cargo, without opposition its assembly of merchandise, upon paying in goods the amount of nine pounds value. A futile attempt was made by the military from Ambriz to prevent the factories being built on Kinsembo point in 1857. but this being resolutely opposed by Captain Hickley, then commanding the British Ships of war on this division of the coast, it failed, and upon the question being referred to the respective Governments of England and Portugal, it was agreed that neither should acquire territory on the portion of South Africa north of the River Loge, until the matter was definitively settled between the two nations.

Foiled in this attempt to force the foreign trade into an unsuitable channel, the Portuguese have now failed to use every opportunity of injuring the reputation, and interests of the foreign merchants settled at Kinsembo Point. For a time their subterfuges had some might, but the natives finding no goods in the hands of the Portuguese at Ambriz, but on the contrary large

Stocks

slinks at Bombay to for which they
could scarcely barter their produce, the
whole was transferred to the latter
place, profitably exercised, and el-
low the value of produce exported
from thence may be safely stated
at from Forty five to Fifty thousands
p.r annm. The trade from Cambay has
ceased, excepting that some sorts of
Piecloths are purchased there.
on account of the English company
when the ports of Bombay are open,
which they seldom are but for vessels
to Muscat or Surat.

The means of obstructing the
passage of produce to Sinde are
three pronged, it was proposed to run
a line of small forts at short intervals
from Bombay to L.h Salsette as shown
upon the chart- this has however not
been commenced, nor can it be until
the financial condition is greatly
improved in this Province. As far
the views of the Portuguese with
reference to the ruin of the Sinde trade
seem upon a fixed system,
and this is aided by seizing upon any
opportunity of endangering it, such

for

Scale of Seven miles

1. Marion & Forbes.
2. Kissembo Pt. and Factories.
3. United States & English forces
4. Portuguese troops
5. Cambier point
6. Kissembo Town.
7. River Logè.

÷ Swampy ground
Eb Thin jungle.

instances as the present succeeds of
Genl Sicalau.

The details of this Event I have
of course laid before you by Captain
Peart; but I have every reason to
believe that the "chastisement of the
Insurgents" as stated in the letter of
of the Govt General to me, "to be the
sole object" of his movement upon
Shushenchu, must be qualified in very
considerable modification, and as an
illustration of this opinion I have
enclosed a Sketch of the Constitution
Country and the Factories, and the
March of the Govt General to Shushenchu
Town at 6 A.M. on the 3d of March last,
his retreat, and proceedings for disposing
of / P.M. to Shushenchu Factories, where
he was joined by the resolute
Conduct of Captains Brent & Fitzroy
back to Amherst.

You will see by this Sketch that at
about / P.M His Excellency had retired
his steps to within two miles and a
half of Amherst, where he had every
means of shelter in the Fort, plenty of
refreshment for his troops, and water
from the Lagè close on his left; yet at
this point he suddenly turned to

the

right, and marched a distance of five miles to the factories on Kinsembo Point to ask for the very requisites to which he was so near his hours before; he had no enemy to punish at the point— They were at the time hovering round him, and firing upon his rear.

The inference to be fairly drawn from this movement, in my opinion is, that the Gov.r General intended if possible to enter the factories, depend himself there, and thus entangle them in his own quarrel. being constructed of sticks, and roofed with reeds, they would to a certainty have taken fire, and as certainly have been with the goods they contained utterly destroyed; and for a time. the trade would have been necessarily suspended.

Since these events it is well known that the feeling of the Portuguese towards the Kinsembo trade remains unabated in its jealousy and hostility, and my desire is, to show, that the interests of every factory there are precisely similar, and can only be preserved by a uniformity of action in the event of being again endangered by the invasion of the Country by the Portuguese; a measure loudly talked of at this time as only awaiting the arrival of more forces from Lisbon. I should much deprecate a collision between the foreigners, and the Portuguese, it is always very uncertain what amount of support may be obtained from the respective squadrons, it was quite by accident that Her Majesty's Ship Falcon, was joined by the United States Ship Marion on the 3.d of March last opportunely before Kinsembo, but in the event of the disappearance of the Portuguese before the factories, I am of opinion that a united protest against their entry into them, or even within musquet range of them would cause the Offic.r comm.g to hesitate before he so deeply compromised his Government in so heavy

heavy a responsibility as his
silence would at this throw upon
it.

You are, as well as myself, aware of
the arrival of Three hundred & fifty troops
in the Portuguese Corvette "Estephania"
from Lisbon, and as many more may
be hourly expected from the same place,
and the transport "Mary Ann" has
now anchored laden with provision,
and warlike Stores. It may therefore be
inferred that some movements of an
unusual description are in contemplation.

From all I can learn a portion of
this force will be used to supply the
wants of Bembè, and keep open the
communication with it, and, it is
said, that the remainder united
to any that can be collected, will ravage
the Kinsembo County, and construct a
line of forts, as before mentioned from
Bembè to S.t Salvador, in order to inter-
-cept the trade going to Kinsembo by
a military occupation of the country to
the Eastward.

If the poverty of the Portuguese
Provincial Government does not
protect them from a folly which

they have, that measure it is believed
will be undertaken; and then will arise
the question, for the consideration
of the Governments whose trading
interests will by it be imperilled, ---
namely - how far can the Portuguese
be participed in obstructing the
trading enterprize of nations out
of her dominions, by military
means, merely because she is
unable to do so by fair competition?

In order to show, what I put --
confident is the view of the British
Govt with reference to any supposed
acquisition of African Territory, I beg
to place in your hands an extract from
a confidential despatch I addressed
to Capt.n Filzroy upon his going to Kinsembo
to protect the factories in March last.

Of the disposition of the officers of
the United States Navy to give support
to legal trading operations, I need
say nothing when the recollection
of Captain Bents' conduct at
Kinsembo on the 3.d of March last; is
publicly before me; but I may here take
the opportunity of expressing the
gratification I must feel in your

having approved of that line of
conduct, and I also must acknowledge
with thankfulness, the patience
and kindness with which you
have listened to my representations
which I have been enabled to make
through the frequent interviews
with which you have favored me.

I am happy also to submit
for your information, the copy of
a letter I received from Mr. Heydyk,
the proprietor of the dutch factory
on Kinsembo Point, who being by
his Government appointed Dutch
Consul in Angola, was desirous of
conferring with me upon the expediency
of qualifying himself to act in that
capacity while the question of terri-
torial right north of the Loje, between
England & Portugal remains in
abeyance; my letter in reply to his will
explain the case, and I need only
say that Mr. Heydyk will not
qualify until he has received
further instructions from his
Government.

With reference to the effect that legal
trade

trade has had upon the slave trade
where the former has been successfully
introduced, and subsequently maintained,
I will merely state that by official returns,
extending over twelve years, and embracing
the Coast between Cape Palmas and
the Cameroon River, the trade in
African Export produce in 1848 -
scarcely reached Three hundred and
fifty thousand pounds in Sterling
value in England, and that now
the value of Exports from the same
district of Coast amounts very
nearly to Three Millions Sterling:
than this little more need be said
to excite any commercial nation
in favor of legal trade.

I fear I have too long trespassed
upon your notice, but I have due
to in the belief that your Government
will find in my communication
some additional grounds, to those
it already may possess, for assisting
to prevent the trading interests
of Kinsembo from being sacrificed

to the selfish feelings of a Nation, which if it were possessed the extensive territory it now seeks dispatched to Europe, has neither the means of prosecuting it to any useful legal purposes, nor the power of preventing it from being prostituted to the most inhuman & illegal purposes.

In conclusion allow me to repeat my thanks for the kindness which you showed me at the many conferences you have so considerably honored me, and to assure you, Navy office, that I have with the greatest respect,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

G. L. Hartley

H. B. M. Consul and acting Commissioner.

Extract from a "Confidential" despatch addressed by Sir A. T. Hartley, H. B. M. Consul at Loanda, to Comm. R. G. Fitzroy commanding H. B. M. Ship Falcon, Feby 27th 1850.

"The attraction of trade to Kinsembo is of infinite importance so far as that the increase of legal trade has uniformly tended to decrease the Slave trade; and I know nothing that will so much assist in this pernicious as the establishment in the native mind that we have nothing in view but an increase and just intercourse for the purposes of trade alone; and that we altogether repudiate encroachments of any kinds upon their native rights."

G. L. Hartley

S.t Paul de Loanda

Augt 1st 1860

Sir

Some time since I was appointed by the Dutch Government as Consul of the Netherlands in the Portuguese possessions on the S.W. Coast of Africa. Immediately after this I wrote to our Ambassador at Lisbon, requesting His Excellency to inform me as to the views of the Dutch Govt relating to the northern boundary of the Portuguese possessions here, as I was aware that that nation claims to have rights as far as Point Padron, or even as far as Malimba to the North of Cabinda, whilst at the same time I was informed that according to a treaty or understanding between the Govt of Portugal, the rights of that nation only extend to the River Lodge to the north of Loanda.

Under ordinary circumstances it would be my duty to call on His Excellency the Governor General of Angola, but being fully aware that any false step in this matter might equally be detrimental

to all the traders of Kinsembo of whom I form a part, I think it advisable to the general interests to contract you in this smaller policy confident that you will excuse me in doing so; besides I think that unfavourably of action in this matter of importance is of the greatest necessity.

Being appointed as Consul to the Portuguese possessions on the S.W. Coast of Africa, I think I ought to be domiciliated within the limits of the Portuguese territory, but as I may not recognise in my quality as a merchant, Kinsembo as belonging to those dominions, I only think it just mine to present my official visit to his Excellency the Governor General of Angola, as long as I remain unimformed about the opinion of the Dutch Govt on this matter, thinking it most probable that his Excellency the Govt Genl. will recognise me at once as Consul, even being domiciliated at Kinsembo, by doing which he would further the views of his Govt, making it appear as if my Govt recognised Kinsembo to belong to the Portuguese dominions, by which the general interests of the merchants at that place would be compromised.

I sincerely would not have taken the liberty to trouble you in regard to this matter if I had not been convinced, that not only my interests but also those of the British and other merchants established to the to the south of the River Zaire, and consequently of the Portuguese dominions, were equally at stake.

I remain, Sir,

Your very respectfully

(signed) C. P. Reynolds.

To Henry Hamilton
H. B. M. Consul
&c &c
&c Paul de Banda

Confidential

W.A.

Loanda aug.t 3.rd 1860

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1.st instant in which you inform me that you have been appointed Consul in Angola by the Dutch Government; you have also informed me in that letter, that you feel difficulty in qualifying yourself to act as Consul in Angola, because you are not residing in a territory recognised as a Portuguese possession. And lastly, I have to thank you for your consideration in calling upon me to consult upon the course it would appear most expedient for you to adopt under the circumstances.

As to your appointment as Consul, it would be intrusive in me to do more than congratulate you upon receiving so marked a notice from your Government.

as to qualifying yourself to act as Consul, by presenting yourself to the Governor General of Angola, I should advise you previously to doing so, to place before your Government what appears to me would necessarily follow, namely - the certainty of strengthening the pretension of Portuguese territorial rights in favor of that nation - with reference to the Coast north of the Loge, and give expectance to its views of exterminating the American & European trade now established there by introducing the same system, as soon as it had the power which drove all that trade from Ambriz in 1857.

Were you to present yourself as the British Consul in the Province of Angola, I think His Excellency would instantly recognise your position, and consent at once to your residing at Kinsembo, appointing your appointment to be a proof of your Government admitting the Kinsembo territory to be a portion

the Portuguese possessions, a point the British Government is combating with that of Portugal not less for the interests of other nations whose merchants are residing at Kinsembo, than for her own; and as the pretension of Portuguese rule equally affects all those nations, so I think it would be unwise measure if a subject of either should adopt a course that would weaken the ground of British opposition to the extension of Portuguese rule beyond the River Loge to the northward, the prejudicial influence of which has already been felt by all at Ambriz in 1857.

I think your views of placing the circumstances which surround your appointment before your Govt previously to qualifying yourself to act, must be approved by it; simply because the Governor General has it in his power either to nullify your appointment by calling upon you to reside in Portuguese territory - or otherwise he would censure you, assuming that your Govt recognised your proper place of residence as being within the Portuguese jurisdiction - and this latter course he undoubtedly would select.

I am Sir,

Your most Obed.t Servant

H. U. Shuttleworth

H.B.M. Consul & Actg Comr in Luanda

C.P. Reynolds Esqre

&c &c &c.

Loanda

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 14th 1860

I have the honor, to acknowledge the receipt,
your letters of the 19th, 22d and 23d of May last-
e 1st acknowledges receipt of my dispatches, Nos 46, 48,
50, 51, 52 & 53- the 2d notes receipt of my No 55, and
closures, and assigns Lieut: James P. Armstrong, again
the Command of the "Jumpter".

I am further directed, to transfer Lieut:
Donough, back to the "Constellation", Lieut: Fairfax
the "Mystic", and Lieut: Hughes to the "San Jacinto,"
on which Vessel, Lieut: Dornes was to return to the
ited States.

I have also received, the letter of the Depart-
ent, dated June 6th 1860, with advice of receipt of
ne, dated 8th May 1860, in relation to Lieut: Charles
Mc Donough.

In obedience thereto, Lieut: Mc Donough
l be tryed by Court Martial, upon the return hither,
the "Jumpter", which will arrive about the 1st of
xt month.

In my letter No 67, I requested authority, to
ain Lieut: Fairfax on board this Ship- Lieut. Mc
ough being Suspended from duty. As he is now
e tried, by Court Martial, I respectfully inform the
partment, that Lieut: Fairfax, will remain on board
"Constellation", until I can learn the wish of the
partment, or the restoration to duty of Lieut: Mc
ough, in which event Lieut. Fairfax will be at
transferred to the "Mystic."

Lieut: Hughes, was ordered back, to the
Jacinto", on the 17th of last May, and the order
- for

Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, DC.

for Lieut. Downes, to return to the United States, by the same date. The order for the return of the "Marion", to Portsmouth, N. H. will be obeyed, as soon as possible.

I have the honor to inform the Department that the Steam Frigate "Niagara", Captain W. W. McKean, arrived here on the 6th instant, on her way to Japan.

I at once addressed to Captain McKean a letter, of which the copy enclosed will show the assistance which I placed at his disposition.

On the 10th instant the large Coal transport "Sebastian Cabot", arrived here, and before anchored I directed her to be taken at once alongside the "Niagara", and to deliver Coal during which was done; thus saving labor, time and expense to both Vessels.

I am

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Inman

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 7th 1860.

Sir: On the arrival of the U. S. Steam Frigate "Niagara", under your command, Last evening - You exhibited to me your orders from the Navy Department.

You informed me that the "Niagara" required 900 tons of Coal, that the water was very much exhausted and that you desired to procure those supplies, and to proceed on your Voyage, as early as possible.

To facilitate those objects I have directed the Navy Store Keeper, in Charge of Coal, to use all means in his power, to furnish the Coal and Water promptly.

I have also directed Captain Nicholas, of the Flag Ship, Commander Brent, of the Sloop "Marion" and Lieut. Comdg Roy of the Steamer "Mystic", to detail all the Seamen from those Vessels, numbering about 73, to assist in supplying you.

I was ready for Sea when you arrived, and shall sail to day for a short Cruise. I have ordered the 36 Seamen, from the Flag Ship, to be placed on board the "Niagara" this afternoon, to remain until my return. If you shall have ceased to require their aid previously, You will be pleased to send them proportionately on board the "Marion" and "Mystic". They will necessarily be supplied with subsistence, while on board the "Niagara."

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Captain
Wm W. McKean
Comdg U. S. Steam Frigate "Niagara."
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 11th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor, to acknowledge the receipt of 130 Copies, of the Navy Register for 1860, and the order of the 17th March 1860, for their distribution. I have also received, the letter of the Department, dated 13th April 1860, acknowledging receipt of my dispatches, to No 45, inclusive, the last number with enclosures, in relation to the brig "Ichossie", which matter had been brought to the attention, of the British Government.

I submit herewith, a copy of a letter, dated July 5th 1860, which I have received, from Commodore Edmonstone, Senior Officer Commanding H. M's Ships, on this Coast, in relation to the "Ichossie" - and to the American Brig "Belle" Camden, being boarded by H. M's Steamer Lynx". The Commodores letter is very Satisfactory.

Herewith I submit Copies of the Correspondence between Commander Godon, of the "Mohican" and Commodore Edmonstone, R. N. - Also Copies of Correspondence between Commander Godon and the Civil and Military British Authorities at Cape Coast Castle and at Accra.

The two latter took place in pursuance of my orders dated 29th & 30th June, directing Commander Godon to proceed to those places to investigate the complaints made to me by Captain Clark of the Bark "Edwin", at Accra, and by Captain B. B. Vincent, of the Brig "Ichossie", Copies of which marked U. S. F. are enclosed.

Commander Godon enquired at Whydah - for

Godon.

Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington D.C.

for the "Chossie", which had left the Coast; an
I am advised that Captain Vincent has retu
to the United States, with the Verified Official p
necessary to make good his Claim for Damage

In the other case of the "Calvin", it would
appear, that Captain J. J. Clark had commit
himself very seriously, by firing upon harmless
Shoomen along the Coast; and that his call up
the Naval forces of the United States for Counte
nance protection, was unauthorized, and that h
was justly liable to a more severe dealing than
met with.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant

John Lyman

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squa

H. M. Ships Arrogant
St. Thomas, 5th July 1860.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
ur letter of the 30th Ultimo, and its enclosures.

With reference to the detention of the Ishossie, by
ommander Fitz Roy of Her Majesty's Ship "Falcon." I
g to inform you, that previous to the receipt of your
mmunication, I felt it my duty, to highly Censure,
st Officer for the detention of the Vessel.

The whole particulars of the Case, also what
assed on board the "Ishossie" after the Prize Crew
ent on board, have been submitted to my Lords
ommissioners of the Admiralty, in order that an
vestigation into the Affair might take place.

In consequence of the boarding of the Brig
elle", under American Colors, by H. M. Steam Vessel
ynx", without previously asking permission; I have
is day, issued a General Memo, to the Squadron under
y orders; which I feel assured, will in future,
event the recurrence of such a proceeding.

Referring to the arrangement, about the mails,
tered into with yourself. I beg to inform you, that
have ordered the "Sharpshooter", to perform this
ty every alternate month.

Before Concluding this letter, I have to express
y warmest thanks, for the very Cordial reception-
eceived, on board your Vessel, at our late Meeting;
so for Kindly placing the "Mohican," at my disposal, to
able me to join the "Arrogant". I trust Sir, that
good feeling and Sympathy, which I am Confident
saying, exists between our respective Squadrons,

— on

Flag Officer

William Inman,
Commander in Chief
United States African Squadron.

on this Station, may long endure to the Well being of both.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Very respectfully
Your most obedient Servant.
(Signed) W. Edmonstone
Commodore & Senior Officer H.M.
Vessels on the West Coast of Africa

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

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Second April 20th 1860

Mr Lyndsay

Dear Sir

Should there be any American
Man of War at Fernandina
or should you know where
there is one likely to be, Will
you please Inform him or them
that the Bark Edwin now under
my Command is now Laying at
this Place ready for home, with
only one Man on board, she
having been deserted by the Seaman
by Command of the Civil Comm
andant at Fernebak by Reques
ting to Go there of against my

Will not only that but they deny
Right of any U. S. Vessel to Sei
the case they have also sent
a Parrant for My Apprentice
be put in Gaol for Refusing
pay them three months Extra
which I Refuse unless to ord
by some Authority of the G
a petty thief is no Consoul hun
the English is playing some fo
tricks on American Seamen
the Immediate pressure of
of our Men of War is Pants
I have not Even any officer
board, so My Ship is in compl
distress & will have to Lay here u
I get assistance from Some Source
Other

making My case known to any
U. S. Vessel Don Will Oblige me
very much

I Remain Your truly
J. Le Clark

J. L. Clark

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American Brig Sebastee
Whydah Road.
Janry: 23d: 1860.

To
Commodore Inman or
the Commander of the
first American Man of War

Sir;

Having been brought here as prisoners with a prize crew and my vessel having been taken from me by force by H.B.M.S. "Falcon" and anchored at this point for the last week, and left here by her without burning the papers over to me. which papers were taken away by force is the reason of dropping these lines to inform you of same. I likewise informed the Commander of the Falcon through Protest- that I would not assume the Command of this vessel and that I would hold him responsible for all damages.

Now Sir- I look to you for that protection and redress that is due to American Citizens and their Insulted Flag. the vessel has been shamefully robbed & Hoping soon to see you do as to investigate this matter, and that I may know further how to proceed.

I remain Gentl: Servt:
(Signed) D. J. Vincent
once Master.

I certify that the above is a true Copy.
C. Lawndes.
Capt. Clk.

U.S.St. "Mohican"
March 26. 1860.

R. B. Vincent - Master

Whydah -

I have to thank Capt. D. B. Vincent
U. S. Barmeau for their welcome aid
in helping me to work the Johnsons,
Argentine, when the greater part of
the prize crew were in a state of inebriety
and not capable of doing their work,
then on her passage to Aydal from
Leffie and I hereby return them
my acknowledgements for their
prompt aid.

Signed H. S. Boggs Lt.
In charge of the Johnsons
Argentine - of Charleston
S. Carolina

January 14th
1860.

I hereby certify that the above
is a true copy of the original

C. G. Saunders.
Capt' Clerk.
U. S. St Mohican.

April 7 - 1865.

Correspondence between

Major Beckham & Comm. Gen.

Rosa

U. S. S. Shawnee
Off Acoma
July 7. 1864.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you of my arrival at this Anchorage.

The object of my visit at this time, is to enquire into the case of the American Barque "Edwin".

I enclose under this cover copy of the letter of complaint of Captain S. S. Clark of that vessel, to Flag Officer Farragut, and would be pleased if you would furnish me at your earliest convenience with the facts and action in the case, as well as, the position in which the matter now stands.

The apparent delay of the Flag Officer in making this enquiry into the case of the "Edwin", has been owing exclusively to the fact of Capt. Clark's letter not having reached the Commander in Chief sooner.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obd't. Serv't.
(Signed)
S. H. Gordon,
Commander.

To the
Military Commandant
of Acoma.

Private & Confidential

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of Yesterday date.

With reference to the object of your visit as therein stated I beg to inform you that I have no information that I can disclose to you of the matter in question as it did not come under my notice. Should it be agreeable for you to proceed up to Cape Coast - I have no doubt that there you will be put in possession of all facts connected with Capt. Clarke's case.

Regretting that I cannot apparently be of further service to you in this matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.
(signed) T. Cochrane, Major,
R.A. Artillery.
Acty. Chief Civil Commandant.

To
Commander Erben,
United States Navy.
&c &c &c

Private & Confidential
Cape Coast Castle
July 7th 1860

Civil Commandant
to
Brevt. Gordon
Aboard July 8th 1846.

Copy.

U. S. S. "Inchiquin"
off Tuxpan,
July 9th 1846

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th instant.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obdt Servt.
S. W. Gordon
Commander.

(Signed)

Major T. Cochrane
U. S. Artillery
Adjt Chief Civil Commandant.

Lenox Godon
to
Miss J. Cochrane.
Chicago July 9. 1865.

Copy.

Correspondence between Governor of Cape Coast Castle and Commander Gordon.

Admiral Bruce
Willis P. Parkman,
Cape Coast Castle
Feb 5, 1865.

6. Jay.

H. B. M. S. Medusa
Off Cape Coast Castle,
July 10, 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to acquaint you with my arrival at this Anchorage.

The object of my visit at this time is to enquire into the case of the American Barque "Edwin".

I enclose under this cover, copy of a letter of complaint to Mr. Lynslager, Govert. Agent, at Fernando Po, from Capt. D. S. Clark, which has been furnished Flag Officer Inman; will you be pleased to possess me with the facts and history in the case, as also, the position in which the matter now stands.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obdt. Servt,
H. B. M. Gordon
Commander.

(Signed)

To
His Excellency
The Governor of
Cape Coast Castle.

Cape Coast Castle.
11. July 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. with its enclosures and in reply beg to state that I shall be most happy to lay before you the various documents having reference to the case of Capt. G. P. Clark of the barque Edwin, alluded to in your letter.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you on shore when the matter shall be gone into.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Humble Servt.
Edw. B. Andrews.
Governor.

(signed)

Commander Foote
H.B.M. Steamer Pluto.
Off Cape Coast Castle.

Enclosure No 1
to
Capt. Clark's letter
July 10, 1850.

Encl. in Capt. Gordon's letter to Penn. Gordon July 11. 1864.

Copy.

Cape Coast Castle
12th July. 1864.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith copies of the documents which bear on the case of Capts. L. S. Clark of the Barque Edwin alluded to in your letter of the 10th instant with its enclosure.

I likewise forward to you additional depositions taken on the 9th inst: confirmatory of the charges alleged against him.

2. I will here observe that by the last mail I reported the circumstances to Her Majesty's Secretary of state for the Colonies in order that the minister of the U. States might be apprized of the occurrence and similar documents to those now furnished to you were forwarded for that purpose with the exception of the depositions of the 9th inst but which shall be transmitted by this mail.

I have the honor to be Sir.
Your most obedient
Humble Servant.
(Signed) Edw. B. Andrews.
Governor.

Commander Gordon,
U.S.S. Iroquois.
Off Cape Coast Castle.

Captain J. A. Clark of the Barque "Edwin"

to E. Bannerman Esqre J.P.

Winnebah

April 14th. 1860

Mr Bannerman,

I acknowledge the receipt

of the Summons you served on me this

morning at 11 o'clock - to appear before

you at 10 o'clock that I do not understand

but think that you have no power to

settle such a case in Winnebah at

least I shall not attend as my ship is

now on a passage to Accra and I think

that is the most convenient place now,

I have had trouble enough at Winnebah

I shall seek the advice of a higher

Court in the Transaction I have had

before you I shall also make known our proceedings to the Governor I shall therefore proceed to Cape Coast Immediately these men shall ask Nothing me as they like or you either -

Yours

[sd] J. S Clark

A true Copy.
John Lindsay
Acting Colonial Secretary

Address of the sailors concerned in the case of Captain Clark of the U.S. Barque "Edwin"

1. Ruben Loud Baker, East Abington, Massachusetts.

dead. C.W.L.

2. Josiah Hatch, at Mr. John Jacobs, Ocean House, North Street, Boston.

3. George Frothingon - Newbury Port - Massachusetts.

4. William Reid to be found with Moses L. Okes, No. 1, North Bennet Street, Boston Massachusetts.

[sd] John M. Lindsay
Acting Colonial Secretary

A true Copy
John M Lindsay
Acting Colonial Secretary

Police Office, Winnebah

12th April 1860.

This day the undersigned "Joshua Hatch" "William Reid" "R.L. Baker" & George Frottington" four Seamen recently discharged from the American Barque "Edwin" J. S. Clarke, Master, appeared before me Edmund Bannerman, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Gold Coast and Civil Commandant of Winnebah, and each and severally made the following statement to the truth of which they have sworn - Viz - We shipped on Board of the Barque "Edwin" Captain John S. Clarke at the Port of Boston to come out to the Coast of Africa - At the time of our leaving

home there were also three Krao boys on
board, on our arrival on the Coast,
the first land we made was Berely, a
few miles to the west of Cape Palmas,
on nearing the Shore we observed that
preparations were being made by the
Captain and two Mates for some thing
Extraordinary, by loading muskets and
a small brass swivel, the former were
laid on the deck and covered with a Sail—

The three Krooboys were ordered below, The
Captain and Steward also went below—
The Captain was looking out at one of the
Cabin windows to see if the Canoes were
coming alongside.— He had given orders
if a certain Krao-boy came on board
the mate was to catch him, cut out his

tongue, flog him, and then heave
him overboard — The Captain was to
give a certain Signal when this Krooboy
Came on board — The Captain had a
grudge against this man for some thing
that occurred the voyage before —
The very first Canoe that came off to
the Ship, brought the Krao-boy that the
Captain wanted to get hold of, and as
soon as the Krao boy set his foot on the
deck, the two mates, upon the Captain
making the Signal pre arranged, attempted
to seize him, but he at once jumped
overboard, whereupon Captain Clarke
rushed upon deck and gave orders to the
two Mates to pick up two Muskets and
fire at him, they did so, but we could
not

not tell if those shots took effect – The Krooboy as soon as he jumped overboard, gave a Signal to his Companions in his Canoe and they left the Ship with two other Canoes that had reached the Ship, and hearing the Shots the people from all three canoes jumped into the water and turned the Canoes on their sides to serve as a protection from the musket shots – The two Mates fired three volleys by order of Captain Clarke at the retreating Kroo boys, and we distinctly saw three Kroo boys hit, and they sunk, and of course we concluded they were killed, as they did not rise above water again – By this time the remainder were out of musket shot,

and Captain Clarke ordered the brass swivel to be fired – it was loaded and fired three times, twice with nails, and once with ball and the effect was that three more were hit and sunk to rise no more –

After this Captain Clarke gave orders for a boat to be lowered and manned, the Men in the boat were ordered to take Cutlasses and to pursue the Survivors and cut them all to pieces, the boat went in pursuit but the men pulled slowly on purpose, and the Kroo boys escaped – The boat was then recalled, and on reaching the Ship was hoisted up, and the Ship proceeded to "Victoria" landed the three Kroo boys that came out in the Ship

from Baker and having taken it re-
-sett there, proceeded to Discon...

I do solemnly declare and make
oath that the foregoing is the truth and
nothing but the truth.

(Signed) Joshua Hatch
(") William Reid
(") R. L. Baker
(") Geo. Frothingham

Witnesses to Declaration and Signatures

Signed) Jno. R. Grant
(") J. S. Parker

Sworn before me this
15th day of April 1860.

Signed) E. Barnerman J.P.
Civil Commandant
of Wimmera

A true Copy
Chas Hd Lindsey

Deposition on oath of Tom John
a Native of Nico Country Grand Bereby,
West Coast of Africa, taken before me the
undersigned one of Her Majesty's
Justices of the Peace in and for Her
Majesty's Forts and Settlements on the
Gold Coast at Cape Coast Castle one of the
said Forts & Settlements on the Gold Coast
on the 9th day of July 1860 -

Deponent being duly sworn saith as follows,
I went with some other Krooboys to
Capt. Clark's Ship to get some work,
when I was in the boat and had not
gone on board the Ship I saw shots
fired from the Ship at the Krooboys,
(there were two Canoes there) and I
jumped into the water to save myself,

I saw two men shot in the water and sink, the rest of the Krooboys were away through the water, I was hit myself by two shots in the hand and shoulder the Kroo boys had not spoken any bad word to Captn Clark —

Sworn to before me
this 9th day of July 1860
at Cape Coast Castle

his
Tom X John
mark

Witness to Signature & Mark
G. J. Porter
Assistant Surgeon

By C. A. de Ruvigne Capt. G.C.A.
Justice of the Peace.

The Deposition on oath of Tom Johnson a Native of Kroo Country, Grain Coast Africa, taken before me the undersigned one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in & for Her Majesty's Forts and Settlements on the Gold Coast at Cape Coast Castle one of the said Forts and Settlements on the Gold Coast on the 9th day of July 1860.

Deponent being duly sworn saith as follows, I went to Captn Clark's Ship to see if I could get some work, he would not give me any work, I asked him to give me a little Tobacco he would not, but he took all our books and told us to go away, when I and another man called Peter got into our boat, he fired at us and the shot hit me in the thigh I show the mark of it now, and the man Peter was hit in the leg, we had no palaver with Captn Clark and I do not know why he had fired at us, Captn Clark said he was going

going to Binrabee to Kill all the
people there, I hear he Killed two
Kroo boys same day that he fired at me.

Sworn to before me
this 9th. day of July 1860 Tom × Johnson
at Cape Coast Castle his Mark

[illegible] C. B. de Ruvignes Capt. G.C.A.
Justice of the Peace.

Witness to signature or Mark
C. B. de Ruvignes Capt.
[illegible]

The Deposition on oath of Tom
Toby a Native of Kroo Country Grand
Bassa, taken before me the
undersigned one of Her Majesty's
Justices of the Peace in and for Her
Majesty's Forts and Settlements on
the Gold Coast at Cape Coast Castle
one of the said Forts and Settlements on
the Gold Coast, on the 9th day of July

1860.

Deponent being duly sworn saith as
follows, Captn. Clark, of the Barque
"Edwin" came to our Country and wanted
Krooboys for his Ship, when the Kroo
boys came on board his Ship I was the
Head man and Captain Clark told me
to take a Krooboy, whom he said was
no good, and to throw him overboard, I
said "it no good to throw him overboard,
because Sharks will take poor Kroo boy,
but let us go in boat to go on shore
He said, "no jump overboard and go
on shore," he then took rope and began
to beat us and the Krooboys jumped
over and took a boat to go away, we
took the boat because there were plenty

of Sharks and it was to save our lives.
Captn. Clark went away and when he
returned to our Country we went on
board as soon as he saw me he
knew me and fired at me, all the
Kroo boys jumped into the water to
hide themselves from the shot, and two
the Kroo boys were killed by the firing
from the "Edwin" Captain Clark and
all his men were armed with muskets
and were all firing at us, the names
of the Boys who were killed were
Black William and Jack Sabee, Natives
of Grand Bimbee their bodies
have never been found, a boy called
Tom John was wounded at the same
time in the head and shoulder, Scalp

— the

the shots out of his shoulder and
head myself, I heard Captain Clark
order his men to fire at us myself,
he began to fire at us first himself.

Sworn to before me
this 9th day of July 1866 } John X his Mark
at Cape Coast Castle
} C. M. de Ruvigne Capt.
Justice of the Peace.

A true Copy.

J. Hutchinson
Acting Colonial Secretary

Edmund Bannerman Esqre. J.P. to Chief Justice Conner.

Trinidad

27th April 1860

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that on the 9th inst. Captain J. A. Clarke of the American barque "Edwin" requested permission to discharge four Seamen from his vessel at this Port, and that I consented to his doing so provided he paid them their wages in full and left them sufficient funds in addition to proceed home, and that the four men were agreable to receive their discharge —

Both Master and Seamen being willing

to part, Captain Clarke paid them their wages, but was leaving without giving them the amount required for their passages, when they drew out a Summons against him; he received the Summons but took no notice of it, and left with his Vessel for Accra —

The Plaintiffs appeared in Court at the appointed hour, but the Defendant failing to do so, I gave a Decree against the Defendant for the amount claimed by Plaintiffs with Costs — The amount claimed by the Seamen to enable them to proceed home, was three months wages or 48 dollars each —

In an American Law Book which was produced in Court by Capt. Clark on the first

first day of his arrival here, it is most distinctly laid down that in case where an American Seaman is discharged in a foreign port either with or without his own consent, the Master must give him three months wages in addition to what is due him for the time he has actually served, more especially if the time for which he signed Articles has expired.

As all the parties concerned in the case were Citizens of the United States, I considered that I was justified in being partially guided in my decision by the Custom that is usual amongst them in such cases; and moreover it was expressly understood that payment of a

a certain sum for passage money should be one of the conditions upon which I would consent to these men being left on shore, as I was particularly anxious that there should not be the remotest chance of these men becoming a burden upon the Colonial Authorities in any manner whatever

Having given a decree to that effect, I forwarded it to Accra to be carried into execution, at the same time I wrote to the Chief Civil Commandant of that District acquainting him with the particulars of the case, and requested him to afford my Constables such assistance as they might require —

These Constables returned on the 24th. from Accra having failed to execute the Decree or arrest the Defendant as I had directed them to do, although they could have done so had they been permitted —

Finding that Defendant had some property here, and seeing that the daily hotel expenses of the four Plaintiffs were such as would soon leave them pennyless, I determined to seize and sell sufficients to pay the amount which Defendant had been decreed to pay — The property seized consists of 6 Casks of palm oil, which were sold by public Auction and the proceeds have been handed to the Plaintiffs, who left this

yesterday for Accra to wait for the Mail for England.

I have considered it my duty to report upon the course I have taken in the affair as the Defendant wrote to me that it was his intention to appeal to your Honour, though at the time his case had not been heard, much less had any Decree been passed by me.

I beg to enclose you the letter he wrote to me for your perusal.

I have further to state for your information that on the 12th inst. these four men came to me voluntarily to state their reason for insisting upon receiving their discharge, which was that Captain Clark was a man in whose Ship their lives

lives were not for a moment safe, and that their time having expired they would not serve on board his Ship a day longer, they then proceeded to show me upon what grounds they had made such a statement, and I think you will be better able to form an opinion on the subject after having perused the accompanying declaration made before me by the four men.

I have &c.

(Sd) E. Bannerman J.P.

Civil Commandant

A true Copy.

John A. Lindsell.

Acting Colonial Secretary

No 1

U. S. S. "Mohican"
Off Cape Coast Castle,
July 12, 1860.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, covering certain documents referring to the case of the American barque "Edwin".

As I perceive an appeal was taken by Clark from the award of the Court at Winnebah, to the Superior Court at this place, I am much pleased to receive a copy of the Decree confirmatory of the decision of the lower court.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of the depositions of the four discharged seamen, as well as, those of the Kroomen, against Clark for his alledged brutal conduct to certain natives at Dixcove.

In transmitting these papers to the Flag Officer I shall not fail to call to his notice the very prompt attention you have been pleased to give to my letter of the 10th inst.

Permit me Sir, in conclusion, to thank you, and through you the officers of the Garrison, for the cordial hospitality the "Mohican" has received at your hands and to

Regret

regret that we have only been able to return it in this form.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your very respectfully
Your obed't Serv't.
J. P. Gordon,
Commander.

(Signed)

His Excellency
Edw. B. Andrews,
Governor General &c &c.
Cape Coast Castle.

Comm. Findon

to

Gov. of Cape
Coast Castle,
July 12, 1805.

Of

Correspondence between

Chief Justice Cowen and

Commodore Porter.

Copy

Cape Coast Castle.
July 13. 1811.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for your perusal a copy of the proceedings in the Vice Court at Winnebah on the complaint of the Master of the United States Barque "Edwin" against several of the seamen of that ship, and also, Copies of the summons subsequently issued by them against him with the Commandants Decree thereon dated 14th April 1811. and of My Decree confirming the same on appeal dated May 16. 1811.

I have in preparation a transcript of the evidence in detail as given before me on the appeal which shall also be forwarded to you should there be time to do so before your sailing.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Your very faithful Servant
(Signed) Richard James Turner.
Chief Justice &c.

To the Commander
of the U.S. St. Brigate
Mohican.

Chief Justice
to
Govr. Pyke
Cape Coast Castle.
July 12, 1811.

Chief Justice Cooper

Brooke Barlow

Esq. Barr Cause

July 18th 1860

Court adjourned

At a Sitting of the Supreme Court of Prize (Vice Admiralty Jurisdiction) on the Gold Coast held at Cape Coast Castle one of the said Forts on Monday the Fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord 1860 Before the Honorable Richard Cooper Chief Justice of the Said Court

John S. Clark Master of the United States Barque Edwin Appellant

and

John Hearle
William Reed
George Nightingham and
Reuben Lorenzo Bakes

Late Seamen on Board the said Barque

Respondents.

This was an Appeal against a Decree of Edmund Bannerman Esqre Naval Commandant of Winnebah District made on the 14th day of April 1860 whereby the Appellant was adjudged to pay the Sum of £25 " 7^0^ for three months wages and Costs and Expenses for boarding and lodging of the Respondents subsequently to their discharge from the said Vessel. For a Copy of this Decree with the Summons and Decree of the Supreme Court confirming the same see Document (A) ~~hereunto annexed~~ accompanying this

Sir Charles Bannerman appeared for the Respondents.

The Appellant being called upon to state what were his grounds of Appeal said that they were that the Decree was not just and that the ~~App~~ Commandant had no right to make it

Sir Chas Bannerman then stated the case of the Respondents as follows. They were Seamen on Board the Edwin of Boston they are Citizens of the United States, they agreed to sail for a certain period and that time having expired they requested

their discharge or an increased rate of Wages, that being denied they refused to work any more at the old rate. The Appellant then applied to the nearest British Authority that is to say the Commandant at Winnebah where the Ship was then lying; the Commandant had the Respondents brought before him on a charge of mutiny and refusing to work, and investigated the Case, when the Respondents brought a counter charge against the Appellant. The Appellant then communicated with the Commandant in writing requesting him to take steps to have the Respondents removed to Sierra Leone to be tried. The Commandant said he could not do that but felt bound to enter fully into the Case before he could determine what should be done recommending the Appellant if possible to make arrangements so as to avoid the necessity of giving a decree. The Appellant then discharged the men but declined at first to pay them: the Commandant represented to him that it must be done as he could not allow Sailors to be left in such a state as might render it necessary for the authorities to support them, the Commandant also told the Appellant that he must give those men the means of returning home. The Appellant then paid their wages to the time of striking work only. They issued a Summons against him on which the Case was heard and the Decree now appealed against was made.

William Read of North Bennet Street Boston Massachusetts one of the Respondents was then sworn and stated on oath as follows —

I entered as a seaman on board the Appellants Ship and signed articles, John Hatch, George Brotheringham and Reuben L Baker the other respondents joined the Ships at the same time viz^t the last day of January having signed Articles some days before. We entered for fourteen Calendar Months. We remained on board and then went to Captain Clark to tell him the time we signed for was up and asked him if he would give us double wages to remain in the Ship as what the Law of the United States would allow us. He said that he would not, then we told him we would not work unless he did one or the other. We were all present. This took place was at a place between this place and Accra, I forget the name (Cantonments) He took us on to Winnebah and went to the Commandant on a complaint of Mutiny against the Ships Company. We were taken out of the Ship by Constables, that is four of us viz^t myself, John Hatch, George Brotheringham and a man who goes by the name of Charles Davis whose name is not on the Articles. Reuben Baker was so ill he was not taken there. We were taken before the Commandant Mr Edmund Bannerman. Capt^n Clark gave in his statements against us and said he would not have us on board the Ship and demanded of the English Authorities to protect him, his charge against us was for Mutiny. I think he withdrew that charge —, We were left on shore and he paid us our Wages to Mr Bannermans hands up to the last day of March. That was on the same day on which he issued the Summons against me. (Prothero) I do not remember any conversation taking place before that payment to him which was made by him in Gold Dust. We then took out a Summons for our Subsistence and money to return home that is Three Months pay. The Law of the United States on this subject is that a Master discharging Seamen abroad is to deposit in the hands of the Authorities three Months extra pay and sufficient money to return home. Captain Clark did not appear to the Summons which was served as near as I can tell about 10 o'Clock, Capt^n Clark was on shore then I saw him go on board. He went first up to the Fort and before to the Commandant, the Commandant told him he must

Joseph Clark then went down to the Boat and went on Board. The Ship got under way and stood to Leeward.

Cross examined by Appellant

I was shipped by Smith & Adams the Appellants Agents. They read the Articles and explained the nature of the Voyage. There was no conversation about Wages beyond what the Articles contained. At the end of 13 months he went aft to the Captain and asked to see the Articles as he thought the Voyage was up then. He then said that the Voyage was up as he had been on board Fourteen Calendar Months. At the end of 14 Calendar Months he came aft again and demanded Double Wages. You asked us what we counted, I said Captain Clark, I suppose you are aware that 14 Months are up expired now. You said you knew that our time was out — As to Double Wages you said you would see about it. I never heard any such thing. We then refused to do any more work (There were 5 of us including Charles Davis who returned on board at Wivenhoe). You did not ask us your reason for the Ship not getting under way. I do not remember saying that we would have our Wages or your life — You did not tell us that what the Law of the United States allowed us should have, but that you would give us what the Law allowed as entitled us on the Articles, and then we would complete the Voyage. — Two Constables were sent for and Came to take us on Shore — We remained on the Ship as you would come to no Terms with us. Mr Bannerman did not say that if the men were British Subjects he would give us Two years imprisonment —

Re-examined by Mr C. Bannerman

There never been a Voyage to this Coast — We were dissatisfied with our treatment and the Provisions on board the Ship. We had the Board of Trade where to windward a man was seized up and flogged by the 2d Mate under Capt Clarks orders

had been dissatisfied with the Ship ever since we were out on the Coast, and we made a Deposition before Mr Bannerman as to a Gentleman that had occurred at Pereby — When at Sunderland the Mate asked us to get the Ship under way and he said he would if he would take us to any Port where the Matter might be settled — We intended to have gone to England by the Steamer that started to-day but we stopped on account of this Appeal Summons, We came in her from Leith. I produce a Receipt for £20 for the passage of four Seamen. We took on board provisions & Stores besides bedding — There was no Summons for our Wages only for the extra Money — Being asked how it came about that Capt Clarke paid them their Wages, Nelson replied that the Captain said he could not have them on board the Ship as he was in fear of his life.

(The Ships Log Book was here produced by Capt Clark from which it appeared that the men came on Shore on Thursday the 9th and that the Ship left Wivenhoe on Saturday the 11th April at Noon)

(A Copy of the Minutes taken before the Commissioners certified by him was then produced by Mr Bannerman and read, shewing the Complaint to have been heard and the discharge of the men agreed to on the 9th April when the Wages were ordered to be paid and any further demand against Captain Clark to be brought forward by Summons — See Document ~~Answers annexed~~ marked (B.) accompanying this.

The Clerk in answer to the Court stated that these Minutes were correct according to the best of his recollection — The Wages were not paid until the 14th and there is nothing more than the Wages were paid. They took out a Summons for the other Money on which the Order now appealed against was made — That Capt Clark had discharged another of the Crew since the Respondents Boarded off — His name was Dalton Rawson.

Reuben Lowndes Baker of Cook's Hungerford

in the State of Massachusetts being sworn
stated on oath as follows. I entered on board
this ship previously signed articles. I was
present on the 31st March when the men
spoke to the Captain, the last Witness was
the Foreman. He said he will go with
you for $32 per month or what the law
of the United States will allow and. Captn
Clark said no He see you damned first or
words to that effect. The last Witness then said
he worked no more work and one of the others
said the same. He asked me if I was of the
same mind? I told him I was sick and not
able to work, he then said would you work
if you were well I said "No I would not"
and the rest said the same. The case was
brought before the Commissioner on a Monday
and the Constables came on board on Tuesday
for the other men's things. On the Sunday
morning being sick, I asked the Steward for
some medicine he answered "No, it is Captn
Clark's orders not to give you any thing, because
those men who had knocked off work did not
belong to the ship." I was not sick enough to go ashore
until Wednesday when Captn Clark asked me
if I was going ashore, and I went with help
on the 14 April (Saturday) I received my wages
and joined in a Summons for Three Months
extra pay. and We ultimately received
amongst us the Amount of the Judgment
25£.7s.6d. — I saw Captn Clark come into the
Fort with a paper which I suppose was the
Summons, he said to the Commandant this Summons
is not according to law, the Commandant replied
to him, but I could not understand what
he said. Capt Clark then went out of the yard,
I was sick and in my room. A Constable
afterwards told me he was going off for
Captn Clark. I was helped out and it seems
to me the Ship was being got under way as
quick as possible. I think it was about 8 or
9 Days afterwards that we received our money
(Cross examined by Appellant.) You did ask me on the Wednesday
whether I had not better stay on board, I said
he said you must go to work.

George Worthington being sworn stated on oath
as follows. I shipt at Newbury Port, Massachusetts
I entered on board the Union — I have heard
the evidence of the other Witnesses, this correct
as far as I know. I have considerable
cause to complain of the treatment by being
ill treated and struck several times. I have
heard the Commandants Minutes read,
according to my recollection that is a correct
account of what took place. I heard
Captn Clark say his life was in danger as
we were mutinous characters and he was
afraid to have us on board the Ship. I asked
him if he had any objection to our going on
board to get our Things, he said not one of
us should step on board his Ship.

(No questions put to this Witness)

John Joshua Hatch of Danville Pennsylvania being
sworn stated on Oath as follows. I have heard
the evidence of the other Witnesses and I confirm
it. The Minutes that have been read are correct
I heard Captn Clark say in the Court House that
he would not receive us on board again.
(Cross examined by Appellant. You did claim the protection of

the British Government — I do not remem
that you said you would take us on b
of the Commandant would Send Some
to protect you.

Jones 3d Sworn The Appellant was then s
and stated on oath as follows — The Respon
admit that they Signed according to the Art
for a voyage to the Coast of Africa and b
to the Port of Discharge for 14 Calendar
(The Appellant has produced a Book on
Maritime Law of the United States by J.
Butler and quoted from Page 8 of a pam
not called the Seamen's Assistant) — The
African voyage is sometimes performed
Seven Months — It was thought this wo
be a longish one & the usual 12/. Mo
Homeward being about Ten. but this
been prolonged — I contend therefore th
these men's time was not up, especially
the circumstances of the Country to have
their Crew cannot be obtained. The Ship was
as I & 18 of last Month and has been ob
for some time for want of sufficient han
having no Officers. My Second Mate
away on board of a Slaver at Badagry
first Mate I had to make Master of t
Vessel belonging to my owners. That is th
on which I considered they were not
to their discharge and therefore refused
additional Wages or to sign fresh Agre
The Respondents refused to work, and I
from Newton quay to Mumford & R
Commandant at Winnebah explaining the
Officers. I then went to Winnebah wh

said he
must have them on Shore. When they came he
told them they were guilty and if they had
been English Seamen he could give them 2 years
Imprisonment, as it was, the Smallest would have
to be taken to a higher Court. He asked me
what our Mutinies were like & told him that
I looked for his protection and that he could
keep the Men until a Man of War came and
take my Ship was ready for home as I had
no Officers on board, And I thought if I had
not produced to have them on board as I did not
know to what mischief they might do. I being
very sick. He said he could take care of them
provided I would give them Subsistence to which
I agreed. He asked me if I was willing to pay
them off or words to that purport. I told him
distinctly, as I had very serious Charges against
them which could not be entertained on the Coast
here in the first place, and Secondly, that I had
not Money to pay them off with. The Interpreter
Respondent then said nothing more to me at
that Interview except that after the Court he
asked me to lend some Money to subsist the Men
and I sent him £62 altogether. (Receipt
produced dated on the 10th April) I suggested him to
send the Men to Accra as I had asked for a
Man of War to call there, and he said he would.
(Mr Interpreter produced a letter from the Commandant
the Commandant dated April 10th) He wished me to
pay the men off I refused saying I had not the
Money belonging to the Ship. I must be told as if
I did not pay the men off he would not give me
my Register; so I finally came to the Conclusion
to pay them off as the I had to take other people's
Money to do so.

The Appellant has produced a letter from the Commandant
dated 11th April also a Copy of a letter from himself to

the Commandant dated 12th April and the Commandant's Answer of the same Date.

The Appellant then proceeded - On the Evening of the 13th I came to the Conclusion that I had better let the Money on board and pay the men's Wages & asked whom the Ships Register was kept the Case of this Court - I went on Shore the next morning and paid the men (Receipt produced) (Mr Bannerman then gave me my Register and told me I could go as soon as I liked, but as I must stopping until my Boat His Summons was heard about 11 o'Clock - I went back and asked Mr Bannerman if he had issued it as I thought Legal, he said of course it was. I asked if that he must Legal will be explained he must have done far before I went and it was only going to begin. I told him my Ship was likely to be in danger at present for that, as her Cable was Coir and Topsails at the Mast head and I must go on board immediately, and begged of him if there was any thing more to settle to let it be settled at Sea. I then went on board hoisted Anchor and made Sail to Leeward. While making Sail the Letter I now produce was brought to me, (it is dated 14th April) by his Constable as I was under the Register and pointed out that the Summons should be proceeded with or not. I wrote an reply the Letter produced of the same Date. How the Case was proceeded with afterwards I have not been informed by him. The men made a Statement that one of them had been flogged. I never saw that he was flogged but not by my order - it was done by the Second Mate. I was on Board but heard nothing about it until it was over. The Appellant here produced an entry in the Log of this transaction in the writing of the 1st Mate dated 23rd March. The Offence stated was the having a pistol or knife and 1 Pound of Gunpowder in his Possession. I ordered the Mate not to do so and more. He afterwards desisted from the Search on board a Vessel was taken by one of Her Majesty's Squadron sent on Shore and died there.

I recommend for the Respondents. I did not object against the payment of Wages - I decline to enquire whether the Ship was full of Cargo or in the course out. She is full now ready to go home. I have loaded when I spoke Ship I came out - I am the Freight for the Money paid & the men on board Spirit - I do not remember that I made any objection to the boarding of it. I did not notice the boards "discharged Seamen" on it. My Ship is in distress for want of sufficient hands to take her home but I can go about the Coast very well. I have discharged one of my men since those men knocked off work, but he did not ship in Boston. I said the Ship would go home but for those men being out of it - I may have said that I was anxious to wait for the Summons - I left before I left. She is a fast Vessel - made 280 Miles a Day - I expect her there every Day - The Appellant then produced a letter from Mr E Bannerman dated 12 April 1860 in answer to his own letter of the same Date.

Mr E. Bannerman for the Respondents - urged that the Appellants contemptuous conduct in refusing to appear to the Summons of the 14th April Last to him of his right to appear and that it ought not to be allowed - That the Respondents had been detained by it for a month - as the Appeal could not be heard yesterday to-day the time expired, being Sunday and it had been fixed for England early this Morning.

The Appellant urged that the Months and

the position of his Ship required his immediate presence on board.

The Court then took time until tomorrow to consider the evidence and the course of Examinations proceed.

Monday May 15th 1860.

The Chief Justice after detailing the evidence given & the course of Examinations proceeded. Particularly the Ships Officers and the Second Clause of the 464 of the Legislature of the United States Granted power upon Judgment conferring the Costs of the Examination with Costs.

The Respondents Counsel then applied for time to prepare evidence & the Court adjourned until Thursday next.

Thursday May 16th 1860.

The Chief Justice after hearing evidence from John Hebb one of the Respondents Counsel from Stephen Andrews the Collector of Customs at this Port and from Charles Hamilton Merchant of this city as to the Cost of the Maintenance of Passengers on this Coast and of the Journey from which fixed the Amount to be paid for each Passenger by the appellant to the Respondents at the Sum of £28. 5s Sterling did by their Decree conferring that of the Examination of Plaintiff and ordering the above Sum to be paid by the appellant in addition to the Sum tendered by the original Decree —

Thereupon Mr Thos G Fitch Junr Freighter of the Schooner Edward who had arrived at Cape Coast on the Previous day, became security for payment of the amount in the event of it not being paid by the Appellant. No Protest against the payment.

Before me Examination of the Proceedings and Documents before me in the above case

Edward Hunt Turner
Chief Justice and Admiral Deputy for the Lieutenant Governor of the Settlements on the Gold Coast.

this office
Winebah
Gold Coast
9th April 1860

J. S. Clark, master of the American Barque "Edwin" appeared in Court to prefer a charge of Mutiny against five Seamen of his Ship names as follows — Dist. Chas. Davis, Geo. Frothingham, R. Baker, Joshua Balch, and W. Reid — all the Defendants except Baker, who is too ill to come on shore, appear in Court — Plaintiff states that the five Defendants are Seamen on Board of his Vessel and that ever since the 1st Instant they have refused to do any work in the Ship; he has therefore brought them before the Court so that they

may State their reasons for such
Conduct, which he, Plaintiff —
Considers to be Printing, according
to the law of the United States —

The Defendants admit that they
have refused to work since the
1st Inst: and State that they so refused,
because they Signed Articles for 14
Months only and as the 14 months
had expired on the 1st Inst: they told
Plaintiff that they must either have
their discharge or Extra Wages —
according to the Law of the U.
States applicable to such Cases
Plaintiff refused to agree to either
of these Propositions they therefore
refused to work. Plaintiff produces
the Articles by which it is quite
clear that Defendants only agreed
to serve for 14 Months at the
rate of $16 a month, it also
appears that there is no such name
as Charles Davis on the Articles —

The Court informed Plaintiff
that he has brought forward no
Evidence in support of his Charge
whereupon Plaintiff stated that he
withdrew that Charge, and requested
the Court to take the Defendants
out of the Ship. —

The Court then gave Plaintiff and
Defendants, to understand that it
would not agree to any of the
Defendants, leaving the Ship unless
it was with the mutual Consent
of the Plaintiff and the Defendants
each or Severally and with the
proviso that the Defendants were
paid in full and that they should
have sufficient funds to proceed
home, and not be at any time
Chargeable upon the Colonial —
Goverment

payment — Plaintiff said that was willing to discharge and pay off the Defendants as soon as he Could make out their Accounts and was glad to get rid of them — Defendants also express their willingness to leave the Ship provided they receive their pay and an Amount to enable them to proceed home. —

The Court decrees that Plaintiff shall pay into Court the Amount of Wages due to the Defendants after deducting all advances and debts due by them to the Ship, after which if the Defendants Consider they have a further Claim on Plaintiff they must sue him in the usual manner the Defendant who goes under the name of Charles Davis

Consents

Consents to return on board at the request of the Plaintiff —

I Certify the above to be a true Copy from the Police Book. —

E. Bannerman J.P.

Civil Commandant

I certify that the above is a true Copy of a Document transmitted to me by the Commandant of Winnebah and read in Court on the appeal by J. S. Clark master of the Barque Edwin against the decree made by the said Commandant dated 14th April 1860 —

Richard James Comer

Chief Justice and Judicial Assessor for her Britannic Majesty's Forts and Settlements on the Gold Coast.

No. 1367

No. 144 — 1860. —

Copy of Summons

Summons to a Defendant

Police Court

at Newcastle Gold Coast

To

John S. Clark

You are hereby summoned at the suit of George Frothingham and others that you shall be decreed to pay them three months Wages each, at the rate of £16 per month. —

This Case will be heard in the above Court on Saturday 14th April at Ten o'Clock or at a day or hour afterwards in the order of business.

Given under my hand this 14th Day of April 1860

Chas. E. Bannerman J.P.

Police Court
Newcastle Gold Coast
Borough Colony

To
George Frothingham and others
Complainants

Copy of Summons to Defendant

Plaintiffs Claim three months Extra
Wages for 4 men at $16 per months
each, Equal to $192. and Costs and
Expenses for Boarding and lodging -
Defendant failing to appear and it
being proved to the satisfaction of the
Court that the Summons was duly
Served upon him and Notice given
him of the hour at which the
Case would be heard, a Decree
is given for the Plaintiff with
Costs and Expenses.

Claim, Costs & Expenses $257. 70 cts

14th April 1860

(Signed) E. Bannerman Jr.

Cape Coast Castle
16th May 1860

On appeal to the Supreme
Court apt the above decree the same
is hereby ratified and Confirmed
and the Defendants having been prevented
by the appeal from taking their passage
by Steamer by the mail Steamer. It is
ordered that the Appellant do pay to
the Respondents the sum of
Twenty Eight Pounds nineteen shillings
(£28.19.0 Stg) for the Expenses
of such detention and journey
from Accra in addition to the
~~Sums~~ sums ordered by the Original
Decree.

(Signed) Richard James Cornes
Chief Justice & Ind: Assessor

I hereby certify that the above
are true Copies of the original Summons
and Decree in the above Case and of the Decree
made by me on Appeal, confirming the original
Decree.

Richard James Cornes
Chief Justice and Judicial
Assessor for Her Britannic
Majesty's Forts and Settlements
on the Gold Coast.

Copy.

H.B.M.S. "Mohican"
At Sea,
July 13, 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date with its enclosures and I have to thank you for your prompt civility

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your respectfully
Your obdt Servt.
Signed! E. H. Tobin,
Commander

The Honorable,
Richard James Turner,
Chief Justice and
Judicial Assessor for
H.B.M. Forts and Settlements
on the Gold Coast

Comdr Gordon

to

Chief Justice Cowen.

July 13. 1870

Correspondence with

Governor of St Thomas.

Copy

U. S. St. "Mohican"
St. Anna de Chaves,
Island of St. Thomas,
July 2. 1860.

Sir:

The Officer whom I had the honor to send this morning to pay my respects to your Excellency, on his return, informed me of your wish that an United States Man of War should occasionally stop at this port, as certain practices of American vessels were not uncommon here, which might call for the vigilance of an American Cruiser. Will you be pleased to give me the matter more in detail and thereby confer a favor on

Your Excellancy's Obdt. Servt.
(Signed) S. W. Godon,
Commander.

His Excellancy
The Governor of
St Thomas.

Copy Letter
By
Lieut Frankie Burns.
July 13. 1860

Copy.

U. S. St. "Mohican"
St. Anna de Chores.
Island of St Thomas
July 9. 1860.

To His Excellency
the Governor of St Thomas.

Sir;

The object of my visit to this place being accomplished and Commodore Edmonstone, of the Frigate "Orogun" having kindly offered to forward any communication to me, I shall proceed at once and would request that your Excellency might transmit, through the Commodore, any communication Your Excellency may have to make to me.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's,
Obd't, Serv't.
(Signed) S. P. Godon,
Commander.

Copy.

U. S. St. "Mohican"
St. Anna de Chores,
July 9, 1860.

Translation —

St Thomas,
3d July, 1860.

Right Honl. Commander,
of the U. S. S. Mohican:

Sir:

As the state of health of His Excellency the Governor of this province avoids him to have the satisfaction, to thank you Honor personally the attention to answer to your kindful letter, he charged me to do it in his name, presenting you his respects and answering to your question to tell you as follows:

The frequent navigation that several vessels and of United States American flag do in this port with signs that induce to thinks that they employ themselves in slave trade without this Government having means to avoid this abuse; being certain as they are, that they will not find here cruisers who may avoid, such immense abuse of this scandelous trade, this is the reason that engage them to come from Havana with all necessary things on board for such trade, and do they go fast to the coast to engage their cargo

Rear Admiral
Commanding U. S. Squadron,
Cuba &c. &c.

and afterwards with the pretext of taking provisions they come to this Island to spend the time until their cargo is ready. All these ships come from Havana with their Supercargo and Artistes such as Carpenters and coopers, (all Spaniards) and in their manifest of the Havana Custom House, they get sufficient provisions and things for this sort of Cargo. The ships which we suspect of engaging in this trade are the Barque "J. G. Clark", the Barque "William" the H.M. Brig "Wm. Groton", the Barque "Mid Fire" and the Schooner "Adelphia" calling herself Patacho "Wm. Groton". The circumstance of having discharged from her crew nine sailors of all nations by a request they made to the Governor of this province because they said they were deceived in their agreement, they being convinced they had come on lawful trade and afterwards they were told they came to look for slaves which they owned not agree to and in this request the intervention of the Governor of this province was necessary to discharge the nine sailors to have them put in prison on shore and at the disposition of the American Consul in Loando. they were delivered to the Supercargo of the said Patacho, Wm. Ros Porter, the said Supercargo who prides himself of having been an American Navy officer and who who had come in 1838 to this Island as Supercargo of the American Barque "Rolings", and ran away with the said Barque, the Capt. and some of the crew being on shore, against whom the said Captain entered a protest on the Notary of this Island's books. when the said Supercargo ran away he took with him two officers of the Custom House that happened to be on board, and discharged the same in a canoe that he met at sea, he disobeyed the firing of the Fort of San Sabastian which warned him not to leave the port without a clearance, and besides leaving on shore his papers. This said fellow returned last July to this Island on board the Patacho "Wm. Groton" and with another name, but as this person was recognized he was put in prision and condemned by the Portuguese Authorities for his disregard of this port and afterwards carried to Loando and delivered to the Consul.

A similar account has been given to the Commander of the American Corvette "Marion" when he was lately here, in December 1839.

This is all in the name of His Excellency the Governor I

I have the honor to inform Your Ex.
that I am sir,
Your Humble Servt.
(Signed) Vincenti Frederico Scamichia.
Secty to Govr.

"C"

Translation of
Governor's
letter to
Govr. Grant
dated 3. 1872.

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VERNO DA PROVINCIA
DE
S. THOMÉ E PRINCIPE
E
SUAS DEPENDENCIAS

N.º 478.

Ao Snr Commandante
do Vapor dos Estados Unidos
Mohican.

S. Thomé 3 de Julho de 1860

Snr Commandante.

Tenho a honra de participar a V. Sa. que tendo sahido para a Ilha do Principe o Governador desta Provincia, que elle tenha a satisfação de pessoalmente agradecer a V. Sa. a sua attenção, respondendo pessoalmente á sua obsequiosa Carta; encarregou o mesmo Snr Commandante de em seu nome fazer a V. Sa. os seus respeitos, e como resposta á sua pergunta dizer lhe: o seguinte.

A seguinte navegação que dá para as nossas Costas é

dos Estados Unidos da America fazem para este porto, trazendo todos os vidros de se empregarem no trafico de negros, sem que o Governo aqui possa obstar a semelhante abuzo, pela certeza que os mesmos tem, d'aqui não haver emprego algum, que possa evitar tão grande abuzo, com tão escandaloso trafico; animão-os a vinda de Havana, com todos os utensilios proprios abordo, para tal Commercio, tendo principio á Carta, engajarem as suas cargazões; e depois, a titulo de fazerem reparos com, prem a esta Ilha fazer horas para depois pegarem nos seus carregamentos — Estes navios todos vem de Havana, trazendo o de seu Carga, e artistas, como

Carpinteiros, e Lanoeiros, todos despachados, e no seu manifesto d'Alfandega de Havana, despachados de necessarios vieres, e utensilios para taes carregações. Os navios de que há suspeitas de se entregarem a este trafico, são a Barca J. J. Cobb a Barca Wm. o Patacho Wingston; a Barca Wildfire; e a Escuna Adelphi; dando se como o Patacho Wingston, o cujo se desembarcarem da sua tripulação, no se marinheiros de todas as nações, por reclamação que fizeram a Sr. o Governador desta Provincia, visto virem engajados no seu engage, pois se persuadião que vinhão para Commercio licito, e depois lhes foi dito que vinhão buscar negros ao que elles se negarão, tendo

de intervir nesta reclamação a protecção do Governador desta Provincia, fazendo desembarcar os seus Marinheiros, ficando alem disso preso em terra, e á disposição do Cônsul Americano em Loanda a quem foi entregue; e sobre carga do dito Patacho Wm Bosworth, que se ausentava desta ser tido official da marinha Americana, por ser elle o mesmo que em 1858 veio a esta Ilha de sobre carga da Barca Americana Rolling, fugindo com ella, deixando o seu Capitão e parte da tripulação em terra, e contra o qual o mesmo Capitão tinha um protesto nos notas do Tabellião desta Ilha - Este individuo provocou

a occazião da fuga, levou os Guardas d'Alfandega que tinha a bordo, lançando-os depois em uma Canôa que encontrou, e desobedecendo aos tiros d'aviso que lhe fez a Fortaleza de S. Sebastião, sem a devida licença, deixando tambem em terra os seus papeis. Este individuo voltou em Julho passado a esta Ilha no Patacho Wm Groton, com outro nome; porem descubrindo se a identidade de pessoa, foi preso e sentenciado pelas Autoridades Portuguezas pelo desacato feito a este Porto, e depois conduzido a Loanda e entregue ao seu Consul.

Uma egual narração deste

factos foraõ feitos ao seu
Commandante da Corveta
Americana, Marion, quando
aqui esteve em Dezembro de
1859. Hoje pois tenho quanto
em nome do mesmo Snr. seu
Governador, tenho a honra de
narrar a V.Sa. esperando que
acudite que e

De V.Sa.

Obrigdo Criado

Vicente Frederico Carmichael
Sect. do Gov.o

C.

Governor Graham

to

Amos Gralam

July 3, 1850.

H.M.S. "Mohican"
off St. Thomas,
July 2. 1860.

Sir,

On my leaving Clarence Cove on this ships on the 29th of May, I saluted your flag on board the "Arrogant" with eleven guns, the custom of both services for many years has been to return these salutes gun for gun, through, I presume, some mistake, that salute was returned with only seven. Being under orders at the time, I did not think proper to delay the "Mohican" to represent the fact to you, knowing that I should meet you shortly at Loando.

I should have drawn your attention to this subject on my meeting you this time at Clarence Cove, but for an early intimation I had of your desire to be placed on board of your own ship in this vessel, and I again allowed it to be deferred, not being willing to allow any contretemps to stand in the way of my carrying out the views of my Commander in Chief in keeping up a good understanding in the two services, by an offer of attention to yourself, I need not say that our relative positions since then, on board my own vessel, have prevented me from even alluding to the subject.

I now however, seize the earliest occasion, of your returning your own ship, to call your attention to the matter and I feel it is only necessary to do so to have it promptly rectified

I.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Very respectfully,
(Your obdt. Servt.
(signed) S. R. Gordon
Commander.

Commodore
Wm. Edmonstone, R.N.
H.B.M.S. "Amygant."

(No 71)

Island of St Thomas
July 3rd 1860

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th May last informing me that seven guns only were fired from the "Arrogant" in return for Eleven with which number you were good enough to salute my Broad Pendant when leaving the harbor of Fernando Po!

I regret extremely that this circumstance should have occurred- It was entirely an act of inadvertance, (brought to my notice indeed some days afterwards) and of course shall be promptly redressed.

I take this opportunity of offering my best and warmest thanks, for your kindness and attention both personal and public, and I do most earnestly hope that the good and cordial understanding existing between the officers and men of our two squadrons, may long endure to their mutual benefit

With

Com Foote
Comm'g Bl Squadron
July 2, 1860.

With every expression of regard and esteem,
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(a'g'nd) W. Edmonstone
Commodore.

Captain Gordon,
United States Steam Ship,
"Mohican"

Copy.

U. S. St. "Mohicau"
Island of St Thomas,
July 8. 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your communication of this date, in answer to my previous letter. I made no doubt of the Mail's being entirely an act of inadvertance and felt quite sure would be promptly corrected by a Gallant British Officer.

Allow me, Sir, in return for the thanks you so kindly express for any little attention it has been in my power to pay you, to say, that, I have greatly enjoyed Your visit on board of this ship and only regret that it could not be longer prolonged.

I join you sincerely in the hope that the good and cordial understanding existing between the Officers and Men of our two Squadrons will long endure and I shall make it my duty, at all times in maintaining it.

To yourself, individually, Commodore, permit me to add that, Your frank and cordial manner has greatly gained on my feelings and that I shall long look back with great pleasure on our pleasant relations and social chats in the cabin of the "Mohicau"

With

Copy of Letter from Commo. Mc Kean to Commo. Hollins
July 9. 1860.

With every expression of regard
and esteem,
I have the honor to be
Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obdt. Sert.
S. R. Gordon,
Commander.

Commodore,
Wm. Edmonstone, R.N.
H.B.M.S. "Avenger."

92.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 14th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor, to acknowledge the receipt, of your letter of the 19th May 1860, desiring me to give such directions, as may be required by the Subject treated, in a copy of a Communication from the U. S. Consul General Havana, and in the reply thereto, by the Attorney General, in regard to the Suspicious Character, of the Ship "Erie" of New York; and of American Vessels, similarly cleared from the Port of Havana.

I have to inform the Department, of the Capture of the "Erie", on the 8th instant, off the river Congo, by the U. S. Steamer "Mohican", Commander S. W. Godon. Whose report to the Navy Department, was sent home in the prize.

It appears, that the "Erie", cleared from Havana, for this Coast, on or about the 20th January 1860. When captured, she had 997 Slaves on board, Who are ordered, to be landed at Monrovia, in Charge of the Agent, appointed by Government, after which; the Vessel will proceed to the United States.

The recent Capture, by the U. S. Steamer "Mystic", Lieut: Comdg Le Roy, of the "Triton," suspected as a Slaver, has been reported to the Department, by Lieut: Comdg Le Roy, in a letter sent to the U. S. in the Vessel, placed in Charge of Midshipman Farquhar.

I have the honor, to inform the Department, that the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto", has just entered the Port — All well.

I have before me, a Copy of a letter, dated at Ba, 9th August, 1860, from Captain Bonnin, to the Navy Department, reporting the Capture, on that day off the Congo, of the Noted Brigantine, "Storm King" of New York, Taken without Colors or papers, Having

— on

Hon: Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

Received
Navy Department
July 23, 1860.

on board 619 Slaves. The "Storm King", will Land the
Slaves at Monrovia, and proceed to the United
under Command of Lieut: A. K. Hughes, assisted
Midshipman R. J. Mc Cook, and an Acting Mast
Mate, named C. Ewing.

I have just received, the letter of the Depart
dated May 23d 1860, with information, as to the Bark
"White Cloud" of New York, and containing a repo
from Lieut: Comdg Craven, of the U. S. Steamer Mob
on that Subject. That information will, at once,
Communicated, to the Commanders of the Cruis
on this Station.

The Clause, that the "Department renews, its
that every exertion, may be made, to intercept an
Capture, all Vessels engaged in this traffic" is noted

I respectfully remark, that the exertion th
ordered, is, and has been Constantly made, sin
I assumed this Command - I have never spared
myself nor those under my orders, from the utmo
activity of Mind and body, to meet the views of
Department, on that and every other point of duty.
The Vessels are Constantly at Sea.

I came on the South Coast, at the close of
November 1859., Since then, Eight Captures of Vess
with over 1600 Slaves, have been made. The whol
Service on the Station, has been efficiently organi
the deposit removed, without freighting, and Duties
all Stores, 4 per Cent on Value, Saved to the Gover
-ment. A System has been arranged, to meet the
wants of Steamers, by Storage and delivery of Coal
three points of deposit, with proper accountability.

The Flag Ship, has been less than a mont
in any port, in marked contrast, with any that h
preceded her. The Squadron is in every | respect, ex
in Complement, efficient, it is harmonious and
orderly, and the Vessels are remarked upon b
foreigners, for their good Condition, and disciplin
The rights of our Citizens, on Shore and afloat, h
been promptly protected.

A Constant, Methodical and full acc
has been rendered, to the Department, of every proce
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its instructions faithfully carried out - in Short, the
African Squadron, under my Command, has performed
its Whole duty.

I must be permitted to say, that this has been
done, in the face of positive discouragement, from the
Department. I have never exceeded my instructions,
but I have been rebuked, by Countermand of my orders,
in every case of transfer or appointment; without which
the Service, could not have been performed - indeed, I
am now Constrained, to set aside those orders of Counter
mand, or to lay up the Vessels.

A Commander-in-Chief, should be placed in
such a position, for the Flag of his Country, thus
is credited in his person, and, I respectfully State,
that my duty to the Service, being thus faithfully
performed, I am Constrained to protect myself,
from the Consequences, of (unwilling) disobedience,
to opposite Commands; by aid of my Representatives,
in the National Legislature.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

No. 93.

U.S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 15th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the U.S. Steamer "Mystic", Lieut: Comdg Wm. C. Le Roy, captured on the 16th July, ult., a brig fitted out for slaving, without colors or papers - Name-"Triton", of New Orleans, painted over, but legible, on her stern.

The details of that seizure, are set forth in a letter, dated, "at Sea, July 18th 1860", addressed to the Hon: Secretary of the Navy, by Lieut: Comdg Le Roy, who has furnished one, with a copy.

Midshipman Farquhar, was sent to the United States, in charge of the "Triton". The two recent Captures, made by the "Mystic", have left her, short of complement, as shown in the accompanying list.

I respectfully report, that the Vacancies in the Squadron, of Officers and men, constantly caused, by Captured Vessels, and invalids sent to the United States, are so numerous, that I have to choose, between the alternatives, of detaining one or more of the Vessels in port, until I can Communicate, with the Navy Department, or by transfer from one to another, to supply such indispensable personnel, as to keep the Vessels employed. I have adopted the latter, - impelled by absolute necessity, to disregard, the former marked disapproval, of the Department.

Enclosed is a list of the Vacancies, on board the different Vessels, of the Squadron. To equalize those deficiencies, to some extent, I have issued late orders, for transfers (always temporary), a list

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

list of which, with their dates, and the reasons therefor is enclosed

To enable the "Mystic" to cruise, I have transferred to her, from the Flag Ship, four Seamen, five ordinary Seamen, one Corporal, three Private Marines and one Shooman.

Lieutenant James P. Armstrong, has ordered in the "San Jacinto," and upon the arrival of the "Sumpter," will assume Command of her, as directed by your order of the 2d of May 1860.

I am

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 15th 1860

Transfers made by Flag Officer William Inman, Commander-in-Chief U. S. African Squadron, with their dates and the reasons therefor.

From the Flag Ship "Constellation"

Lieutenant James P. Foster, on the 12th August 1860, to the "San Jacinto," which Vessel has only one other Lieutenant, viz. Lieutenant H. P. Bruce

Midshipman Walter R. Butt, on the 12th August 1860, to the "San Jacinto," which Vessel has no other Midshipman.

The reason for the above transfers is that the "San Jacinto" cannot Cruise or make Capture without them.

From the "Constellation" to the "Mystic," on the 12th of August 1860, Midshipman J. P. Kane, to the "Mystic," which Vessel has only one Lieutenant, viz- Milton Haxtun, and no Master.

The reason for the above transfer is that the "Mystic" cannot Cruise or make Capture without them.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 15th 1860.

List of Vacancies on board the different Vessels of the Squadron.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"

One Lieutenant
One 2d Lieutenant of Marines
Two Midshipmen

U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth"

One Assistant Surgeon.

U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto"

Two Lieutenants
Three Midshipmen

U. S. Steamer "Mohican"

One Lieutenant
One Purser
Two Midshipmen

U. S. Steamer "Mystic"

Two Lieutenants
One Master
One 2d Assistant Engineer

U. S. Steamer "Sumpter"

One Lieutenant

Recapitulation of Vacancies.

7. Lieutenants
1. Master
7. Midshipmen
1. Assistant Surgeon
1. Purser
1. 2d Assistant Engineer
1. 2d Lieutenant of Marines.

19. Officers.

Very respectfully, Your Ob. Svt.

Flag Officer

Ack.
Oct 25 60

No. 4.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 13th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith, a letter of request from 1st Lieut. John R. J. Tattnall, the Senior Marine Officer commanding the Guard of this Ship, and forwarded by Captain John S. Nicholas.

That letter, will shew that, Private Marine John Weinlein, is so vicious by habit, as to render him, an unfit inmate of a Ship of War. I have, therefore, directed him, to be transfered, to the Sloop "Marion," for passage to the United States.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Jno Lyman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

9. Oct 8. Hon.

Hon. Isaac Toucey,
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D.C.

...curred in and -
Forwarded by
Com[m]d[o]r Chas. H. Bell
to Capt[ain] Craven -

U.S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
La Plata de Loanda 24th July 1860

Flag Officer
Wm Inman
Comg at the African Squadron -
Sir -

Pvt[e] John Reinlein, of the Marine detachment stationed on board of this ship, has been reported, to me, as guilty of conduct which renders necessary his discharge from the service. The charge brought against Pvt[e] Reinlein is that of being addicted to an unnatural habit, and of having attempted an unnatural, beastly intercourse with Pvt[e] Price.

Having investigated the charge I am convinced of its truth; I have, further, become convinced of the mental derangement of the accused - Believing in the mental alienation of Pvt[e] Reinlein, I would not advocate his trial, and, therefore, respectfully recommend his transfer for passage to the United States for a discharge. Reinlein has threatened to take his own

life, and that of his accuser, Pvt. Rem
also.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Jno. H. H. Tallman
1st Lt. U. S. Marines
Comdg Marines U. S. Steamer Lenape

Send ans by 1st Navy Dept
Mr. Livingston
Assignment

Done
Oct 6. 60

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Oct. 25 60

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U.S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 13th 1860.

Sir:

In obedience to the order of the Navy Department, dated 23d of May 1860, received here, on the 10th instant, the U.S. Sloop "Marion", commanded by Commander Thomas W. Brent, will sail hence, to day, for Monrovia, Liberia, where she will land her Steamer, and then proceed to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, United States.

I am writing to the Department, at length, by a Vessel, which sails to-day, direct for Savannah, Georgia. I therefore merely state, that the general health of the Squadron is good.

The invalids reported upon, by Medical Survey, at this time, are sent in the "Marion." The Officers are Lieut: Garland and Midshipman Blake, reported in my previous letters. Commander Brent, will transmit the Medical reports, as to those who are not Officers.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Inman

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey,
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

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Done.
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(12)

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda -
August 14th 1860.

Sir

I have the honor to represent that H.B.M. Steamer "Mohican", Commander J. W. Dodon, has been for some time, without a Surgeon, and that it is of consequence, that one be speedily, ordered to her, as the service is much impeded without one.

I am

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Inman

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

(9) Octo 6. Hon

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington,
D.C.

Duplicate.

No. 5.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 15th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of a letter I have addressed to Captain Wm. W. McKean, of the U. S. Steam Frigate "Niagara," as to the transfer to this Ships of Midshipman W. B. Hall.

The extreme necessity for Lieutenants and Midshipmen in this Squadron, has induced me to order Mr. Hall to the Flag Ship; otherwise I might be obliged to release a Slaver Caught in the Act. Every Vessel, under my Command, is more or less crippled, and I am obliged to resort to every ex=pedient to keep up the efficiency.

In my No 90. I mentioned what I had Caused to be done to expedite the "Niagara"; Which it was feared would be detained for water - I, therefore, directed Captain Nicholas to use our own means of transport and delivery to supply her; 3.600 gallons were sent thus to the "Niagara from the Flag Ship.

I enclose herein a list of deficiencies in the Squadron of persons not Officers; and as there is little or no opportunity of enlisting men on this Station, I respectfully request that you will cause them to be supplied by the first opportunity.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

No 65 Nov

Duplicate.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda.
August 14th 1860.

Sir:

The strongest necessity exists for additional Officers in this Squadron; I, therefore, avail myself of your willingness to spare Midshipman W. B. Hall from the "Niagara".

You will, accordingly, be pleased to detach Mr. Hall from the "Niagara" and to transfer him to the "Constellation".

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
Wm W. McKean
Comdg U. S. Steam Frigate "Niagara"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Duplicate.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 15th 1860.

Deficiencies in the U. S. African Squadron of persons not Officers on this day- Viz-

Petty Officers	6
Seamen	9
Ordinary Seamen	17
Landsmen & Boys	34
1st Clas Firemen	1
Coal Heavers	1
Marines	17.
	85.

Sir,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.

Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.

Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation.
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Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer.
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Capt
Wm H. McKean
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Niagara"
Loanda

Copy
A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ships "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 15th 1860.

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In my letter No 90 I mentioned what I had

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Secretary of the Navy
Washington D.C.

Flag

Lieut Commdg to keep
17 Marines & Midshipman Hall
Barque in Santiago to supply
deficiencies in the African
Squadron -
Lieut S.P.O. Stewart
to supply vacancies with the
African Squadron from the Barque
Dove
5 Nov 1860

had caused to be done to expedite the "Niagara", [illegible]
it was feared would be detained for Water. I there
directed Captain Nicholas to use our own means
transport and delivery to supply her - and 3500 gallo
were thus sent to the "Niagara" from the Flag Ship

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Station, I respectfully request that you will cau
them to be supplied by the first opportunity.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Flag Officer
Comdg H. B. African Squadron

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation
St Paul de Loanda Aug 16th 1860

Deficiencies in the U. S. African Squadron
of persons not Officers. on this day

Viz. 6 Petty Officers
9 Seamen
17 Ordinary Seamen
3 14 Landsmen & Boys
1 Firemen 1st class
" 2 "
1 Coal Heavers
Musicians
1 Marines Privates.

I am
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt

Flag Officer Commanding
U S African Squadron

98.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St Paul de Loanda
August 15th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward a copy of a report, dated February 19th 1860, made to me, by Commander John Colhoun, as to service of the Sloop "Portsmouth", at Kinsembo, at that time; together with 9 accompanying papers. The letter have just reached me, which will account for the delay of transmission.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

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U. S. S. Portsmouth
Off Kinsembo.
February 19. 1860.

Sir.

In consequence of the enclosed communication from Mr. Robt. Cunningham, Agent in charge for Messrs. Brookhouse & Hunt, Salem, Mass. I immediately dispatched the Launch of this Ship, properly equipped, in charge of Lieut. Abbot, mas ters to whom are also enclosed, for the purpose of affording the desired protection, and, followed myself, as soon as the breeze would allow in the morning.

I anchored here last night and will investigate the state of affairs on shore; the result of which will be the subject of further report.

Having thus left Loanda before the time specified in your orders of the 11th, and with the Ship's bills unpaid, I shall return there as soon as practicable and proceed to carry out your instructions.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Signed) Jno. Colhoun
Commander

Flag Officer
Wm Inman
Comdg U. S. Naval Forces
West Coast of Africa.

P.S.

Since writing the above Lieut. Abbot has returned to the Ship from Kinsembo, and submitted a letter from Edmonds Lovell, agent in charge, a copy of which is enclosed. I shall accordingly return to Loanda as above mentioned.

I write in great haste, not wishing to detain the Transporter, just having arrived from Loanda.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt
(Signed) Jno. Colhoun
Commander

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Copy
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Capt. Colhoun,
H. B. M. Portsmouth,
Sir,

Having arrived at this place this day, and learning that the Portuguese Government have sent troops to Kinsembo, I deem it my duty to inform you of certain particulars respecting what has occurred at that place within a few days.

Last Saturday Mr. R. A. Magnus, of Ambriz, received a letter from Loanda, sent him through Mr. Willis, by request of Mr. Gabriel, enclosing a letter for "His Royal Highness, The Prince of Congo"; which letter advised said Prince to leave Ambriz for Kinsembo as soon as possible, as the Governor of Angola was about arresting him; also advising him, as soon as possible after reaching Kinsembo, to take a boat for the first English Man of War he could find; he having an open letter of recommendation to any of H. B. M. Vessels on this Coast.

On his arrival at Kinsembo, the King of Kinsembo, with all his Chiefs, came and demanded the Prince of Congo. The Agent of an English House wherein the Prince had taken refuge, on refusing to give him up, was informed that if he did not comply the natives would destroy the House, contents and all those within.

The Agent then offered, assisted by the Agents of an English, and an American House, 1000 pieces of Cloth for his ransom, said Cloth being worth $ 5.000. The answer

was, "there is not property enough on the
ground to save him."

The Prince was then let out of the
dam, when immediately he was shot
in the head; his head cut off; his
body torn assunder; his legs, arms and
body thrown into the sea, and his head
carried into the Town.

Fearing that this may lead to
the destruction of the Factory at Kin-
sembo, owned by Messrs. Brotherhouse &
Hunt of Salem, Mass. U.S.A., where
there is now stored abut $ 20.000, I
now very respectfully lay this matter
before you, requesting, if you think ad-
visable, to send a force to Kinsembo
in order to save the above mentioned
property.

Very Respectfully,
Your obdt. servt.
Robert Cunningham

Loanda
Feby 17th 1860.
8 P.M.

I hereby certify that the above
named Robert Cunningham is the Agent
at Kinsembo Factory for Messrs. Brother-
house & Hunt of Salem, Mass., U.S.A.
John G. Willis
U.S. Com'l Agent.

Palatic & Affairs at Guaymas

Encl. in Consul Nov 1

B.

Copy.

Guaymas,
February 19th 1860.

To the Commander
of the H. B. M. Portsmouth.

Sir,

The English residents here, not receiving assistance from their vessels of war, and wishing to protect British interests in this Coast, request that you will endeavor to give them all the assistance that is requisite under the present deplorable circumstances.

The Agents and others of the English Houses at Guaymas are Sir,

Yours truly,

James Morgan
Wm. H. Smith.
Robt. Knight.

Palatic & Affairs
Paraguay

Enclosure No. 1

C.

Copy

H. S. S. Portsmouth
Pinsembo, February 19th. 1860.

Gentlemen,

I have received your communication of to-day, and have to state in reply that, in the absence of British Force, it will give me pleasure to render every assistance in my power, for the protection of English property—

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your obdt Servt.
Jno Colhoun
Commander

Messrs,
James Morgan,
Wm. H. Smith,
Robert Knight.
Pinsembo

Relative to Kinsembo

Enclosure No. 1.

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Copy

Kinsembo, 19th. Feb. 1860.

To Commander Colhoun,
H. S. S. Portsmouth,

Sir,

Yours has been received and I will fulfil your orders. (Fuel &c)

I should desire you to remain here two or three days, as we may require protection. If the Portuguese attempt to chastise the natives at Kinsembo Inn, the natives may possibly attempt to do as they did at Manilla a few days ago. If they see a Portuguese force landed, they may possibly retaliate by burning our factories; therefore I think it prudent and necessary, that you should remain here for a few days, until all is settled.

The reason I write you is this:- I have received letters from Loanda and Ambriz this day, placing me on my guard. I hope that you will remain, and in case I should require assistance, hope that you will render it.

I remain, Yours truly,
Edmunds Lovett

Relative to Affairs at Fernando Po

Enclosure No. 1.

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To Commander Colhoun,
H. B. M. Ship Portsmouth,
Sir,

We, the representatives of American and English Property, residing at Fernando Po Point, consider it necessary for the safety of said property, placed under our charge, that we should be provided with a force sufficiently strong to protect us against any attack the natives may make upon us under the existing circumstances -

We therefore request you will be kind enough to grant us such protection as you may think requisite for our safety during the Portsmouth's absence.

And remain, Sir,
Yours very respectfully,
Edmunds Lovett,
Agent Am. Factory.
Wm. H. Smith
Agent English Factory.

Fernando Po,
21st February
1860

Relative to affairs at Kinsembo

Enclosure No. 1.

F

H. M. S. Portsmouth
Kinsembo, Feby 21st. 1860.

Sir,

In consequence of a communication from Mr. R. Cunningham relative to the recent murder of the Prince of Congo at this place, which act he feared might jeopardize American property, I dispatched an armed Launch, and followed the next morning in this ship to afford what protection might be necessary. This evening an interview was had with some of the Chiefs sent to the Point for the purpose of enquiring the cause of this ship's presence off Kinsembo. The interview was satisfactory; they expressed the most friendly feelings towards the foreign residents on the Point, and were gratified when informed the visit of the Portsmouth was also friendly.

As, however, there are rumors of an attack on Kinsembo from by the Portuguese Military, I have thought it proper to despatch an officer to get from you what reliable information you may have, or can obtain, of the intentions of the Portuguese Authorities with respect to this affair.

So soon as I shall recieve your reply, I propose to return to Loanda, where I think more satisfactory arrangements can be made than at this place.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your obdt. Servt.
Jno Colhoun
Commander.

R. A. Magoun Esqr.
Am Cnsl.

Portuguese Affairs at Loanda

Enclosure No. 1.

G

Ambriz, February 22nd 1860.

Sir,

Yours was received this morning, and in reply to your question of what the Portuguese intend doing, I cannot answer, as I do not know - They have a number of things to do, and but few men to do it with -

The road to the Copper Mines is closed, therefore it will be necessary to send a force into the interior to open that first -

I am very much obliged to you for rendering Mr. Lovett assistance, at Kinsembo, as at that time things looked very badly -

I have a great deal of work on my hands just now, and the officer sees the Portsmouth underweigh, or I would go to the Fort with him and see if I could get any information from the Chief.

I am, Respectfully,
Your obdt. servt,

J. Inc Colhoun, Esq.
Commander of the
H. S. S. Portsmouth

R. A. Magoun.

P. S. - I have just called upon the Chief in company with your officer, and he "knows of nothing being done at present," and he "cannot do any thing without orders from the Governor General of Loanda" -

And he says if you are bound to Loanda, the Governor General will be able to give you full information on the subject.

Very Respy &c.

Kinsembo Point
February 22nd 1860.

Sir,

Since writing the communication of yesterday, we have had an interview with Chiefs sent in by the King of Kinsembo Town, for the purpose of enquiring the object of the visit of the ship under your command to this place. The result of our conference is the establishing of a feeling of security for the present, and the belief on our part that the necessity no longer exists for detaining either of the ship or Launch. We will feel greatly indebted to you, however, if on your return northward you will look in at Kinsembo for the purpose of ascertaining the then condition of affairs

Thanking you for your kind offers of assistance and protection, and for the promptness in which you came to us on hearing of the expected disturbance,

We remain, Dr. Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

Edmunds Lovett
Agent for Messrs. Bankhouse & Co.

Wm. H. Smith,
Agent for Messrs. Thos Tobin & Son,
English Factory

Robert Knight,
English Factory.

Commander Colhoun
H. B. M. S. Portsmouth

Political & Affairs &c
Kinsembo

Enclosure No. 1.

Relative to Expedition
from Ambriz

Enclosure No. 1.

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Copy

British Consulate, Loanda,
February 24th. 1860.

Sir,

I beg to offer you my best thanks for the enclosures with which this morning you have favored me, relating to the dangerous position into which the American and British Interests were thrown by the apparent intentions of the Portuguese forces to avenge the infamous murder of the Prince of Congo, Dom Nicolas.

To the promptitude with which you executed from this anchorage to that of Kinsembo, combined with the resolute attitude you assumed there, must chiefly be ascribed the dissipation of those dangers which were threatening the Mercantile Interests of both Nations upon your arrival; and I shall fulfil it my duty to represent your timely and well disposed interference, in favor of those of England especially, to the consideration of Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your very obedt
humble servant
H. T. Huntley
H.B.M. Consul at
Loanda.

Capt. Colhoun,
Comdg. the H.B.M.S. Portsmouth
&c &c &c
Loanda

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 22d 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith, a copy of a letter which I have addressed to Commander J. W. Gordon, of the Steamer "Mohican," in reply to his application for the appointment of a person to perform the duty of Purser on board the Steamer under his Command.

Annexed is a copy of my order addressed to Purser L. I. Brown, attached to the Steamer "San Jacinto," directing him to perform, temporarily, the most indispensable disbursing duties of Purser of the "Mohican."

The Purser of the "San Jacinto" was selected to perform this extra duty, because both Vessels are Steamers, and the Service will throw them more frequently together.

I respectfully and earnestly invite the attention of the Department to the pressing necessity for a Purser to be sent out to the "Mohican", as well as to fill the Vacancies of Officers reported in my No 93 - and of deficiencies of Men and Marines reported in my No 97.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

Flag Ship Constellation
No 1 -
Enclosure

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St Paul de Loanda
August 15th 1860.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 13th inst., in which you report the inconvenience to the service on board the "Mohican" from the absence of a Purser.

You also suggest the temporary appointment to perform the duty of Purser by your Clerk, although it would put you to serious inconvenience.

I am without authority, to appoint a Purser under any circumstances, but in view of the absolute necessity of the case, I have addressed Purser L. I. Brown attached to the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto", the order, a copy of which is furnished to you enclosed.

You will be pleased to govern yourself in accordance therewith, by a proper understanding with Captain Dornin and with Purser Brown.

I have written urgently to the Department, that a Purser may be promptly supplied to the "Mohican", and I suggest that in the meantime Purser Brown undertake only the responsible disbursement of funds for the "Mohican".

I am.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Gordon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
Loanda.

True Copy. L Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St Paul de Loanda
August 15th 1860.

Sir,

In consequence of the return by direction of Medical Survey to the United States, of Purser Charles H. Abbot, late serving on board the U.S. Steamer "Mohican, Commander S.W. Godon, that vessel is for a time deprived of the services of a Purser.

The greatest inconvenience will occur to the Officers and Crew of the "Mohican" and the vessel be impeded in her cruising, unless an authorized Purser take upon himself a part of the duty of Purser of that Steamer.

You are therefore instructed that in addition to the duties of Purser of the "San Jacinto" - and until further orders, or until a Purser shall join the "Mohican" you will perform such part of the duty of Purser of that vessel, as may be most necessary, and that may be practicable.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U.S. African Squadron.

Purser
L.I. Brown,
U.S. Steamer "San Jacinto."

True Copy. A. Maclean Mowatt
Flag Officer's Secretary

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U. S. Flag Ships "Constellation",
St. Paul de Loanda
August 22d 1860.

Sir:

On my No 92., I had the honor, to acknowledge the receipt, of your instructions, as to the Ships "Erie," and the Barque "White Cloud", both of New York, and both cleared, from Loanda for this Coast.

I respectfully submit, a copy of a Circular Order, dated August 16th 1860, which I have issued, to the Vessels under my Command, to meet the requirements of the Navy Department.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Ob't. Servant,

Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St Paul de Loanda
August 16th 1860

Circular.

The attention of the Commander-in-Chief has been called by the Navy Department, to the clearance of American Vessels from the port of Havana, which warrants the suspicion that they are destined for an illegal traffic.

The Ship "Erie" of New York, thus cleared was lately captured by the "Mohican" with a cargo of slaves.

Commanders have been furnished with a copy of the letter of Lieut. Comdg T. Augustus Craven, Comdg the U.S. Steamer "Mohawk", pointing out the very suspicious character of the Barque "White Cloud" of New York, cleared from Havana, for the Coast of Africa.

The Commanders of the Squadron under my orders, will therefore consider that American Vessels, cleared or sailing from the port of Havana for the Coast of Africa, are very suspicious, from having so cleared, or sailed; and particular scrutiny is enjoined in the examination of such vessels.

Flag Officer
Commander-in-Chief
U.S. African Squadron.

No. 1.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 22d 1866

Sir:

I have the honor, to submit herewith, a copy (translation) of a letter of farewell, addressed to me, by His Excellency, José Rodriguez Coelho do Amaral, upon retiring, from the Government of Angola, with a copy of my reply.

I also submit, a copy (translation) of a letter, addressed to me, by His Excellency, Carlos Augusto Franco, upon his assumption, of the Government of Angola, with a copy of my reply.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

John Guest

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Hon.

Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

Dep. Flag Officer

Flag Officer Guest
Aug 22 1866

No. 1

"Translation."

Most Illustrious and Excellent Sir,

Having surrendered the Government of this Province, to the Successor, who has been given me by his Majesty; I should consider myself, as failing in my duty, in not returning my thanks, for the Cordiality, of your Official relations with me, in your Character, of Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Forces of the United States on this Coast.

In expressing these thanks, I dare flatter myself, that your Excellency, will kindly excuse, any unintentional failure on my part, to respond in all respects, to your Excellencies kind proceedings.

Leaving for Lisbon, on next Tuesday, the 14th, in the Corvette "Estephania", I take pleasure, in offering to your Excellency, my, Continual services in that City.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's
Most Obt. Servt.
Signed José Rodrigues Coelho do Amaral

To the Most Illustrious & Excellent
Sr. W. Inman
Commander in Chief of the Forces
of the United States
On this Coast.

Loanda 13th August 1860.

True Copy. H. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 13th 1860.

Most Illustrious & Most Excellent Sir:

I have the honor, to acknowledge, the receipt of the dispatch with which, your Excellency has favored me to day, announcing the approaching departure, of your Excellency, from the Province of Angola.

I thank You, for the information contained therein, of the Appointment of a successor, in the Government of the Province, over which, your Excellency has so ably presided.

I shall retain, a pleasing recollection, of the cordial and kindly spirit, in which your Excellency, has always met my official requests.

I thank your Excellency, for your kind offering offer, of service at Lisbon. I pray that your Excellency, may experience a safe and swift voyage, and that all your desires, may be gratified.

God preserve Your Excellency many years.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Commander-in-Chief
United States Naval Forces
on the West Coast of Africa

Most Illustrious & Most Excellent,
Don. José Rodriguez Coelho do Amaral
Ex Governor General of the
Province of Angola and its Dependencies
St. Paul de Loanda

True Copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Translation.

Illustrious + Excellent Sir.

I have the honor, to inform you, that since the 8th inst. I am invested, with the administration of the Province, which has been confided to me, by His Majesty, in his Decree of the 31st of May last.

The many duties, which have devolved upon me, Commencing this important Administration, have prevented, my sooner Complying, with this pleasant duty, of informing you, of it officially.

I entertain the most flattering hope, that the good understanding, which has hitherto subsisted, between You, and this Government, will Continue, without the least alteration, which is very beneficial, to the reciprocal interests, of our respective Countries: and you can, always, feel assured, that within the Sphere of my Administration, I will extend to You, all those good Offices, which, in the future, You may Solicit. God Guard Your Excellency.

Place of the Government of Loanda
8th of August 1860.

To the Most Illustrious + Most Excellent Sir, The Commander of the American Naval Forces on this Coast.

(Signed) Carlos Augusto Franco
Governor General

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

United States Steamer Constellation
Harbor of St. Paul de Loanda.
August 13th 1860.

I have the honor, to acknowledge the Notice, with which Your Excellency, has favored me, of Your investiture, on the 8th instant, with the full administration, of the Government of this Province, by His most Faithful Majesty, in his Decree of the 5th May last.

I am also informed, that the many duties, which devolve upon You, in Commencing this important administration; have prevented an earlier Correspondance, with the pleasant duty, of informing me, officially of the fact.

I Congratulate Your Excellency, upon the auspicious Assumption, of the Dignity, to which You have been invited - and I Reciprocate, Cordially, the wish of Your Excellency, that the good understanding, which has hitherto subsisted, between this Government, and myself, as Commander-in-Chief, of the Naval Forces of the United States, on the Coast of Africa, may continue.

Your Excellency, will be pleased, to receive my Thanks, for your assurance, of extension to me, of all those good Offices, within the Sphere of Your administration, which I may desire in the future.

God guard Your Excellency.

I am

Very respectfully
Your Obedient & Exct
Signed, Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Commander-in-Chief
United States Naval Forces
on the West Coast of Africa.

Illustrious & Most Excellent
Carlos Augusto Franco.
Gov. General of the Province
of and its Dependencies
St Paul de Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship, Constellation.
St. Paul de Loanda
August 23rd 1860

Sir:

I have the honor, to report that I have suspended from Command of the U.S. Schooner "Mohican," Commander J. W. Gordon; who will be tried, for insubordination, by Court Martial, as soon as the service will permit, probably by the 10th of next month. Lieutenant C. Harman Patterson, of the "Mohican," Commands her for the present.

A correspondence, between Commander Gordon, and myself, has taken place, Copies of which, will accompany the proceedings of the Court Martial; which will be submitted, after the trial takes place.

I am,
very respectfully
Your Ob't. Servant
J. M. Tilman
Flag Officer
Cond'g U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington,
D.C.

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U.S. Flag Ship "Constitution"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 23rd 1860.

Sir,

I have the honor to state for the information of the Navy Department, that on the 15th inst. while at this port, Lieutenant Commanding James F. Armstrong, Comdg the U.S. Steamer "San Jacinto," he writes as follows, viz-

"Before leaving the Arsenal, I called with the Officers on the Captain General of Marine at San Fernando, to return thanks for the use of the dock and the facilities afforded for repairs at the yard, as well as for the courtesies received. He was pleased in a complimentary manner to express his appreciation of the good conduct of the Officers and crew of this Ship as reported to him by the Commandant-General of the Arsenal, stating, no foreign vessel had ever given so little trouble or the crew behaved with such propriety."

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.

Flag Officer
Comdg U.S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy.
Washington, D.C.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 30th 1860.

Sir:

I respectfully state, for the information of the Navy Department, that there appears, from our lists of despatched vessels, which are mostly derived from British authorities, a steamer, supposed to be called, the "City of Norfolk."

There is a rumor, altho yet unreliable, that she has taken from this coast, a cargo of slaves.

The attention of the Cruisers on the Coast of Cuba, might be attracted, with possible advantage, to these suppositions, as to appearances.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Ob't. Servant.

Jno. Kelly

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

To:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

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U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Off Gibraltar,
August 29th 1864.

Sir,

In my letter No 81, I had the honor to inform the Department, that upon my arrival at this place, I would make report, as to the vessels of the Squadron.

In my No 81, I reported the arrival of the Flag Ship, at Lisbon, on the 22d. of July ult°., and that I found there, the "Marion" and "Dumpter" the former, has returned to the United States, as reported in my No 95 carried by the "Marion."

Since my arrival, from the North, the "Mohican," "San Jacinto," "Mystic" and "Portsmouth" have arrived here, and received supplies.

The "Mohican" and "Mystic" are now at Sea; and the "Dumpter" and "San Jacinto," have each made short cruise.

A Court-Martial, ordered by the Department, in the case of Lieutenant Charles J. McKinnon, is now sitting, with Officers, as Members, from the Flag Ship, "San Jacinto", "Portsmouth" and "Dumpter", which Vessels are ready for Sea, but are necessarily detained, until the Court shall rise.

I am,

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,

C. K. Stribling
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. N. African Squadron

Hon. Isaac Toucey,
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington
D. C.

Nav. Dept.
Aug 29 1864
Flag Officer

U.S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
off St. Paul de Loanda,
September 3d 1860.

Sir.

I have the honor, to forward herewith, the proceedings, findings and sentence; which I have approved, of the Court Martial, held on the case, of Lieutenant Charles J. McKonough, by order of the Navy Department.

Lieutenant McKonough, will be ordered to return, to the United States, and to report in writing, to the Navy Department, on his arrival.

Lieutenant Phelps, remains on board the "Constellation, as directed in my letter of the 6th inst. I am otherwise instructed.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
C. H. Bell
Flag Officer
Commdg U.S. Naval Forces Coast of Africa

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

Flag Ship

U.S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Port de Loanda
September 3rd 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for copy of a letter, dated 31st August 1860, which I have received, from Commodore Wm. Inchbone, Senior Officer commanding Her Majesty's Ships, on the West Coast of Africa; together with a copy of my reply thereto, dated this day.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U.S. Naval Forces on the
West Coast of Africa

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

H.M. Ship "Vengeant"
at Sierra Leone
31st August 1860

Sir,

I have the opportunity of replying to your communication of the 2d ultimo, inclosing the copy of a correspondence that took place between Commander Craven, of the United States Steamer "Mohican" and Acting Commander Thomas, of Her Britannic Majesty's Ship "Archer"; consequent upon the latter Officer having boarded the American Barque "Sonora" about the 4th March last, when off Lomboro.

I have the honor to inform you, that I am displeased my disapprobation, of the line of conduct pursued by Acting Commander Thomas on that occasion, and I have issued such instructions to the Squadron under my orders, that I feel confident will for the future, prevent a recurrence of the proceedings complained of.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
(signed) H. Edmonstone
Commodore and Senior Officer
of Her Britannic Majesty's
Naval Forces on the West
Coast of Africa.

Flag Officer,
William Inman
Commander in Chief
United States Naval Forces
on the West Coast of Africa

True Copy. H. Hamilton Browne
Flag Officer's Secretary.

No. 1 Enclosure in Rear Admiral Sir Leopold Heath's Despatch to Admiralty, dated 5th March 1860.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, in reply to my communication of the 27th idem, to which was accompanied by copies of correspondence between Commander Gordon of the United States Steam Sloop "Marion", and Acting Commander Thomas of Her Britannic Majesty's Ship "Archer", consequent upon the latter Officer having boarded the American Barque "Iona", about the 21st ult. near the Island of Lagundang.

You are pleased to inform me as follows, viz. "I have expressed any disapprobation of the line of Conduct pursued by Acting Commander Thomas, on that occasion, and have issued such instructions to the Squadron under my orders, that I feel confident will for the future prevent a recurrence of the proceedings complained of."

I will take an early opportunity to transmit to the Honble Secretary of the Navy of the United States a copy of your Communication quoted above, and I trust it will, that the Instructions you have issued to the Squadron under your orders, may prevent a recurrence of the proceedings complained of.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
(signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Commander in Chief
United States Naval Forces
on the West Coast of Africa.

To
Edmonstone, Esq.
Commander & Senior Officer
of Her Britannic Majesty's
Naval Forces on the
West Coast of Africa &c.

True copy. Alan Kennedy

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No. 1 Flag Ship "Independence"
St. Paul de Loanda
September 4th 1860

Sir,

I have the honor to submit, a copy of a letter, dated 16th July 1860, addressed to me, by Rear Admiral, Sir Henry Keppel, upon his assuming command, of Her Britannic Majesty's Naval Forces, on the Cape of Good Hope, and West Coast of Africa Station. Appended to which, is a copy of my reply.

In accordance with the Regulations, herewith, respectfully, I place before the Department, this 7th Monthly transmission, of the orders, I have issued to the Squadron, under my command. No violation having occurred.

I am,
very respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't.

[signature]
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

U.S. Ship Independence
Flag Ship
Sept 4th 1860

H. B. M. Ship "Forte."
In Simons Bay. 16th July. 56.

I have the honor to acquaint you that I have assumed the Command in Chief of Her Britannic Majesty's Naval forces on the Cape of Good Hope and West Coast of Africa Station, having Rear Admiral the Hon.ble W. Fre.k H. Wm.e Hope C.B.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you personally on my first visit to the West Coast at the end of this year, and in the mean time I cordially express my desire that the friendship and good feeling which has always existed between the two Squadrons in carrying out the common object of Suppressing the Slave Trade may continue and strengthen during the period of our respective Commands.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.
(Signed) Henry Keppel
Rear Admiral and
Commander in Chief

Flag Officer
William Tarleton
Commanding the H.M. Squadron
West Coast of Africa &c.&c.

A true copy. W. Wardlaw Ramsay
Flag Officers Secretary.

United States Flag Ship "Connecticut"
Cape de Verde Islands
August 25th 1860

No.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated July 16th 1860.

You are desired to inform me that you have relieved Rear Admiral the Honble Sir H.G. Keppel K.C.B. in the Command in Chief of Her Britannic Majesty's Naval Forces on the Cape of Good Hope and West Coast of Africa Station.

I hope that you may possibly join your contemplated visit to the West Coast, at the end of the year, and that I may then have the pleasure to make your personal acquaintance.

I reciprocate the cordiality with which you express your desire, that the friendship and good feeling, which has always existed between the two Squadrons, in carrying out the Common object of suppressing the Slave Trade, may continue.

I sincerely wish that the friendship and good feeling you mention may strengthen during the period of our respective commands.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Commander-in-Chief
United States Naval Forces
on the West Coast of Africa

Admiral
Honble
Sir Henry Keppel K.C.B.
Commander-in-Chief
Her Majesty's Naval Forces
the Cape of Good Hope and
West Coast of Africa Station

True copy.
A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, July 10th 1861.

Sir:

I return to you, enclosed, the Charges and Specifications, in three several Cases, preferred by Lieut. James A. Greer, serving on board the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter", under your Command, against Wm. H. Hall, Captain's After Guard, also against Patrick Green, Landsman, and against Martin Magean, Ordinary Seaman, all three serving on board the "Sumpter."

The Commander-in-Chief has examined these Charges, and finds nothing therein beyond the Jurisdiction of a Summary Court. You will therefore be pleased to govern yourself accordingly.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

To
John B. Stewart
Comdg pro tem
U. S. Steamer "Sumpter."

True Copy.
A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
July 25th 1860.

No. ii.

You are hereby transferred from the "Sumpter" to the "Constellation" as a Supernumerary, not on duty.

You will be pleased to present this order to Captain John S. Nicholas, Commanding the Flag Ship; and You will Consider yourself under his Command.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieutenant
Charles S. Mc Donough
U. S. Steamer "Sumpter."
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

H. M. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 29th 1860.

Sir.

You will proceed hence with the "Sumpter" to Bonny, Mail Station in about 4° 30' N. on the West Coast of Africa. You will time your movements so as to arrive there by the 1st of August next.

You will be pleased to place on board the Steamer Mail for Liverpool next after your arrival, or in other proper hands, for that purpose, the Mails now furnished to you.

Immediately afterwards, you will Cruise leisurely to the Northward, so as to be off Mayumba on the Morning of the 19th August. You may expect to meet there one of the other Steamers of the Squadron. If none appear by the evening of the 21st inst., you will proceed to Fernando Po, taking such Mails as any of H. M's Steamers that you may meet off Mayumba may wish to send, and you will deliver to such British Steamer Dispatch for her sent herewith.

You will arrive at Clarence Cove, in time to finish Coaling by the Morning of the 27th. You will take only enough to make good 3/5ths of the Quantity the "Sumpter" can stow. You will receive the Mails for the Squadron, and Residents at Loanda, and, unless otherwise requested, Keep those for H. M's Ships; to which you will deliver them at Mayumba, on the 3rd of September. When you may also expect to meet the "San Jacinto" or "Mystic"; but you will not remain off Mayumba, for those objects later than Nightfall of the 3rd inst., when you will resume your route to Loanda. Such Mails as you may not have delivered at Mayumba for the Vessels of the Squadron or of Her Majesty, You will, of Course, transfer to them when you meet them afterwards. For that purpose, You will look in at Sharks Bay and at Ambriz. Without any long detention, except that necessary for Boarding the Slave trade by American Vessels, which is enjoined upon you, under all Circumstances.

Upon your arrival at Loanda, You will anchor Convenient for taking Boats, and deliver all Mails on board the Flag Ship.

If you have met the "San Jacinto" or "Mystic" off Mayumba before the evening of the 21st of August, You will Communicate, and if they are on their Cruising Ground, You will continue to cruise South, leisurely along the Coast, so as to arrive by the Close of the Month of August.

I am
Very respectfully, Your obt. Svt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Cmdg H. B. M. African Squadron

John B. Stewart Esq
Master
Steamer "Sumpter"
Loanda

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda.
August 14th 1860.

Sir

As soon as you have communicated with the "Majestic", which carries to you this dispatch, and is to meet you on the 19th inst. at Mayamba, you will inform Lieut. Comdg Le Roy of anything worthy of note, and that could affect the further execution of my order dated July 29th 1860.

After which, you will make your way direct to Loanda, where you will anchor contiguous to the Coal Hulks, and report on board the Flag Ship.

It is always well to look out sharply about the Congo- two Cargoes of Slaves have lately been seized in that vicinity by our Cruisers.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Lieut.
John B. Stewart
Comdg pro tem
U. S. Steamer "Sumpter"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanderen Hamel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 24th 1860.

Sir:

You will transfer the Command of the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter" to Lieut. Comdg James P. Armstrong, to whom you will pass all the unexecuted orders and instructions appertaining to that Command.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Lieut.
John B. Stewart
Comdg pro tem
U. S. Steamer "Sumpter"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 24th 1860.

Sir:

Upon the Command of the "Sumpter" being assumed by Lieut. Comdg James F. Armstrong, You will be pleased to transfer to him the duties of Acting Purser of that Vessel, together with all the Public property, Valuables and instructions in your charge as Acting Purser.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut
John B. Stewart
Comdg pro tem, & Actg Purser of the
U. S. Steamer "Sumpter"
Loanda.

True copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 24th 1860.

Lieut:

I take the occasion of your transfer of Command of the "Sumpter," to an Officer of higher rank, to inform you of my approval of the manner in which you have conducted that Command.

The intelligence and attention which you have evinced in the execution of the more important duties which devolved upon you, give earnest of your value to the Service.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut:-
John B. Stewart
late Comdg pro tem
U. S. Steamer "Sumpter"
Loanda.

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

African Squadron.
Special Orders.
U.S.S. "San Jacinto"
At Anchor, Loanda,
1860.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 17th 1860.

Sir.

You will be pleased to prepare the "San Jacinto" for a short Cruise, and when ready report when ready, stating the time necessary to get up Steam, from lighting the fires (with Cold Water) until Steam is up.

I send enclosed a Note, dated April 13th from Mr. or Captain Rich, of the American Bark "Vasca", who informs me that a bag of letters and papers for this Squadron, were left by him at Sierra Leone. You will inform me if you know of those letters and papers having been sent forward.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Commdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain Thomas A. Dornin
Commdg U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto"
Loanda.

True Copy. A Vanden Kemel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 18th 1860.

Sir:

You will require Coal upon your return to Loanda, and I desire, that before you anchor, you will inform yourself, and if practicable anchor the "San Lacinto," so as to receive Coal again from alongside of the "Sebastian Cabot."

It is desireable that the U. S. Vessels be moored nearer the Flag Ship, than the "San Lacinto" is at present.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Sent.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
Thomas A. Dornin
Comdg U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto"
Loanda

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda, August 18th 1860.

Sir:

You will be pleased to proceed to Sea with the "San Jacinto" under your Command. Your presence is required here upon the return of the Steamer "Sumpter", which may be expected on the 24th inst: You will endeavor so to time your movements as to be here in the course of that day.

If, however, you should have reliable information of a Slaver, or make Chase of such, you are at liberty to delay your return until that paramount purpose is accomplished. In View of your early return you will not advance further North than Loango, unless for the reasons just stated.

In the event of your making Capture, I suggest that no more than a sufficiency of Officers and men be sent away in Prizes; otherwise You will not be able to send some later ones, and there is small probability of deficiency of Complement being soon made good:

Valuable time may be gained by making in advance of Capture, the necessary preparations of Orders, in blank, Selections of Officers and Crews &c. &c.

My information induces the belief that you will more probably fall in with Slavers just out of sight of land and parallel to it, in a line extending from Bahia Fonda, on the South, as far as Loango, on the North. It is always advisable to shew as little light at Night as possible.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain. Thomas A. Dornin,
Comdg U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto"
Loanda.

True Copy H Blanden Russell
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Louanda
August 24th 1860.

Sir:

I have received the report of the progress and final repair, at Cadiz, of the U. S. Steam Frigate "San Jacinto", which was placed under the Command of Lieut. Comdg James F. Armstrong, by my order dated 7th January 1860.

The Commander-in-Chief performs a grateful duty, in announcing to the Officers and Crew of the "San Jacinto", his Commendation of their late Commander, whose intelligent and judicious performance of the trying Special duty confided to him, is entirely satisfactory.

The report of the Authorities at the Arsenal, in Cadiz, of the good Conduct of the Ship's Company of the "San Jacinto", is highly creditable to the latter, and it shall be so represented to the Navy Department.

The Flag Officer Congratulates the Service upon the return to his more immediate Command of the "San Jacinto", her Officers and Crew, under the orders of her accomplished Captain.

This will be publicly read on the Quarter Deck of the U. S. Steam Frigate "San Jacinto," on the 25th day of August at Eleven o'clock A. M.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
Thomas A. Dornin
Comdg U. S. Steam Frigate "San Jacinto"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 24th 1860.

Sir:

I am directed by an order of the Navy Department, dated May 22d 1860, "to assign you to the Command of the U. S. Steamer "Sumpter". You are hereby detached from the U. S. Steam Frigate "San Jacinto", and you will, accordingly, assume the Command of the "Sumpter."

Lieut: John B. Stewart, Condg pro tempore, is to transfer the Command of the "Sumpter" to you, together with all the unexecuted orders and instructions appertaining thereto.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman,
Flag Officer,
Condg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieutenant
James F. Armstrong
U. S. Navy.
U. S. Steam Frigate "San Jacinto"
Loanda

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel.
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 24th 1860.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23d inst: in which you state that the "Marion" is short of Officers and men, and that she has been for more than a year without a Boatswain. You also state, that a Boatswain "has come out from the U. S. to join the Flag Ship" and that "you beg leave to apply for the Acting Boatswain, whose place he takes, to be ordered in that Capacity to the "Marion".

The Navy Department has directed "that when Boatswain Hingerty shall report for duty on board the "Constellation", the appointment of Acting Boatswain conferred by me shall cease". Until I hear from the Department, I do not feel at liberty to reappoint, to act as Boatswain, Mr. Long, the person to whom your letter refers.

Mr. Long has applied to me to be discharged, and that he may be received on board the "Marion", in order to return to the U. S. I have complied with his request, and my order sent herewith, directs that he be received on board the "Marion". After that order is complied with, you will be at liberty, in view of the deficiencies of Complement of the "Marion", to secure the valuable services of Mr. Long, in such manner as the regulations and exigency of the Case may require.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Commander
J. W. Brent
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Marion"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

Flag Ship Correspondence
U. S. Steam Frigate "Constellation"
For Monthly Examination
1860.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 24th 1860.

U.

Mr. Wm Long, late Acting Boatswain of this Ships, has been discharged at his own request, for the purpose of returning home. He has applied for authority to do so in the U. S. Sloop "Marion", under your Command.

Mr. Long is a person of excellent character, who has deserved well from the Naval Service of the United States. You will be pleased to receive him on board the "Marion."

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
Thomas W. Brent
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Marion"
St. Paul de Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 26th 1860.

Sir:

I have received your letter dated 24th inst: reporting the offences committed by Adolph S. Hagman, Landsman, serving in the Marion, under your Command.

Enclosed you will find Charges against Hagman, whom you will please cause to be authenticatly served with them. His trial by Court Martial, will take place as soon as the Service will permit.

I am

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
Thomas W. Brent
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Marion"
St. Paul de Loanda

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

No.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
July 27th 1860.

Sir:

I have received your report dated July 25th 1860. I approve of the action you have taken on various points mentioned therein, among others that of your Compliance with the Request of the Commercial Agent, by receiving on board the "Marion," for passage to the United States, Pio dik Daly, a Reluctant Seaman from the American Bark "Ochiuate."

I have read your Correspondence with the Governor General of Angola, extending in date from the 5th to the 10th inst: inclusive, relative to an omission on his part, to join in the Celebration of the Last Anniversary of the Independence of the U. S., after your notice, sent to him by the Commercial Agent.

I approve the assumptions on your part, and the Courteous tone and temper of their Conveyance. You Very properly avoided the Collateral issue, as to the Verbal delivery of your notice, by the Clerk of the Commercial Agent, to whom that point Specially applied.

The part taken by yourself and those under your Command, upon occasion of the disturbance at Pensembo, on the 1st & 3d March, 1860, is creditable to you, to them and to the Service. I shall forward to the Navy Department, at an early day, Copies of the papers upon that Subject, with which you have furnished me.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
Thomas W. Brent
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Marion"
St. Paul de Loanda

True Copy. A. Warden Howell
Flag Officers Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda, 4th August 1860.

g Officer
liam Inman,
mmander-in-Chief
U. S. African Squadron.

Sir:

I have recently discovered that the Marine detachment, Stationed on board of this Ship, was not supplied with ball ammunition before this Ships departure from the United States. I am informed by the Executive Officer of the "Marion", that the Marine detachment of that Vessel is furnished with two thousand (2000) ball Cartridges, which, owing to the reduction in the number of that Vessel's Marines, can, readily be Spared. I, therefore, respectfully recommend that the ball ammunition beforementioned, and a proportional quantity of percussion Caps, may be supplied, for the use of the Marines of this Ship, from the Marion"

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Jno. R. F. Tattnall
1st Lt. U. S. Marines
Comdg Marines U. S. African Squadron.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St Paul de Loanda, August 4th 1860.

Sir.

Above is a letter from 1st Lieut. J. R. F. Tattnall, Senior Officer
omdg Marines in the Squadron, by which you will perceive that
e Marine detachment on board this Ship, was not supplied with
ll ammunition before She left the U. S.

The return of the "Marion" to the U. S. may be shortly expected—
u will be pleased to furnish to the "Constellation" such portion of
t kind of Ammunition, as the "Marion" may properly Spare,
owing to the reduction in number of her Marine guard.

I am,
Very respectfully
You obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

ander
d W. Bent
g U. S. Sloop "Marion"
Loanda.

Wanton Newel

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Pt. Paul de Loanda.
August 11th 1860.

Sir:

You will be pleased to furnish passage in the "Marion" for Mr. Geo. W. Tennant, 3d Assistant Engineer of the U. S. Steam Frigate "Niagara", that he may return to the United States, at the request of his Captain. Wm W. McKean.

Mr. Tennant will be ordered to report to Hon: Secretary of the Navy, on his arrival.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer.
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
T. W. Brent.
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Marion"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 13th 1860.

Sir

In obedience to the order of the Navy Department, dated 23d May 1860, a duplicate of which has been furnished to you, you will prepare the "Marion", under your Command, to return to the United States.

When the Ship is ready, you will proceed to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, United States. You will first call at Monrovia, Liberia, Africa, where, after receiving water and other necessaries, you will discharge all the Seamen you may have on board. You will then proceed to your destined Port and report your arrival to the Commandant of the Station and to the Hon: Secretary of the Navy.

Wishing you a safe and swift voyage and a happy meeting with your family and friends,

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Commander
Thomas W. Blunt
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Marion"
Loanda

True copy A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 13th 1860.

Sir,

You will be pleased to receive on board the "Marion", for passage to the U. S., Private Marine John Reinlein, transferred from this Ship; as to whom, the Senior Officer of Marines, Lieut. Tattnall, will furnish to you the requisite information.

A dispatch to the Department, on this subject, will be handed to you.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
J. W. Brent
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Marion"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 15th 1860

If you do not fall in with the "Sumpter" by, or before the 21st inst: You may expect that She will attend to the mail due 28th inst., and you will not bring it, but you will cruise consistently with your other instructions, until you meet the "San Jacinto" at Mayumba, which you may expect to do about the 15th of next month. She will cruise there until She meets you.

In the mean time you will use your best judgement in cruising along the Coast and I suggest that if possible you be near certain points, upon occasions when the known mail service would lead to believe that you are away from those points. Wishing you all success.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut. Comdg
Wm C. Le Roy
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mystic".

True Copy. A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Flag Officer's
To U. S. Ships "Marion"
Monthly Communication
1860

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."
St. Paul de Loanda.
August 14th 1860.

Sir.

Enclosed is a copy of the order under which the "Sumpter" is now Cruising, and by which you will govern yourself as far as practicable.

You will, therefore, meet her at Mayumba if possible, on the 19th. You will perceive that she is to remain there until the 21st.

When you have received the Mails at Fernando Po, 28th inst, you will return with them to Loanda, and have regard to delivery of Mails to our own or H. M's Ships on the way; as set forth in the order to the "Sumpter." If you will require Coal, I desire that you will receive it from the deposit on board the hulk at Elloboy, near Loanco, if it is practicable to do so, and comply with your present instructions.

It is probable that Suspicious Vessels are lurking about the Ports in the Island of St. Thomas. After you meet the "Sumpter," and it can be done without delaying the delivery and receipt of the Mail at Clarence Cove, you will examine those ports. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Lieut. Comdg Craven, of the U. S. Steamer "Mohawk," as to the Bark "White Cloud." You will I hope Capture that Vessel with her Slaves on board.

You are referred to the order dated July 25th 1860, furnished you) for Service by the Steamers "San Jacinto," "Mohican" and "Mystic," to know where to look for them, on your way South with the Mails. You will not delay at the Ports named beyond the time specified in the new Schedule; thus you will leave Mayumba on the 3d and Shanks Point on the 5th of September next, unless prevented by the Main purpose as to Slavers, in regard to which, I repeat, that, "under all circumstances an unceasing Vigilance is enjoined to prevent the Slave trade by American Vessels."

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer.
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut. Comdg
W. H. L. Le Roy.
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mystic"
Loanda.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 6th 1860.

U.

Sir,

When you are relieved on board the "Mystic" by Assistant Surgeon David Stricklebergen, you will take the first occasion of meeting the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto," to report to Captain Thomas A. Dornin for duty on board that Vessel.

I am,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Passed Asst. Surgeon.
Wm S. Harrison.
U. S. Steamer "Mystic."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 6th 1860.

Sir:

Enclosed is an order, by which Passed Assist: Surgeon Wm. H. Harrison, will be transferred to the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto", after Asst: Surgeon David Kindleberger, now serving on board the Sloop "Portsmouth," shall report to you, for duty on board the "Mystic".

You will be pleased to give effect to that exchange, whenever it may be practicable (consistently with your other instructions) to fall in with the "Portsmouth" and "San Jacinto."

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieut: Comdg
Wm E. Le Roy
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mystic"

True Copy. A. Vanderhorst
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St Paul de Loanda
August 23d 1860.

Sir.

You have reported that the "Mohican" will be ready for sea, by this evening. When this is so, You will get underway and execute the order for service of this date furnished You herewith.

If pre-payment of postage is demanded at Accra; upon the package addressed to Robert Bayman, Esq. U. S. Consul at Funchal, Madeira, You will be pleased to have it represented to the persons receiving the Mails, that I have informed you, that Her Majesty's Officers have informed me that such Official packages are not to be pre-paid. If the pre-payment is insisted on; You will be pleased to have it done, taking a proper receipt, and the expenditure shall be reimbursed upon your meeting the Flag Ship.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Lieutenant
J. Herman Patterson
Comdg pro tem
U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

H. M. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 23rd 1860.

Sir

You will proceed with the U. S. Steamer "Mohican" to Accra, a Mail Steamer Station, on the West Coast, which the "Mohican" has already visited. On your way you will make the best use of your Sails, but employ only Medium exertion of Steam power, which at 8 knots, will bring you to Accra in from 6 to 8 days.

As soon as practicable after your arrival, you will be pleased to have the Dispatch bag, and packages now furnished to you, placed in proper hands, or at the Post Office (if there be one) to go forward in the first Steamer for Liverpool. This being done you will return to Loanda without any stoppage, unless you should want Coal; which you will obtain before stoping Fernando Po, where you will take only sufficiency for the purpose, and resume your route as quickly as possible. On arrival at Loanda, you will communicate with the Flag Ship before anchoring.

Under all circumstances an unceasing Vigilance is enjoined to prevent the Slave trade by American Vessels.

If you find, that no interruption under your instructions, will prevent your arrival at Fernando Po, before the departure of the Mail Steamer of the 28th inst.; for Europe, you will proceed to that place, from whence you will send the Mails, above mentioned; but, if the Steamer has gone to Bonny with the Mail; which you will ascertain before you anchor, you will at once proceed to Accra, as above instructed.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Lieutenant
C. Harman Patterson,
Commdg pro tem
U. S. Steamer "Mohican."
Loanda.

True copy. A. VandenKemmel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda.
August 22d 1860.

No.

Commander J. W. Godon will transfer to you all the General and Special instructions and orders, now in force on board the U. S. Steamer "Mohican"; and you are hereby ordered to relieve Commander J. W. Godon, in that Command, until further orders.

You will be pleased to continue to Commander Godon, all the privileges and observances of respect, to which his rank entitles him.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Ob. Sert.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Cmdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieutenant
J. Harman Patterson,
U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 22d 1860.

No. 11.

Sir,

You will forthwith transfer to Lieutenant J. Harman Patterson, the Command of the U. S. Steamer "Mohican." You will at the same time transfer to him, all the General and Special instructions and orders now in force on board the "Mohican." So soon as this can be done, you will consider yourself suspended from your Command, until further orders.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Commander
J. W. Godon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican."
Loanda.

True Copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 17th 1860.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst: is received in which you request that the vacancy caused by the absence of Lieut: Dunnington, may be filled.

Whenever it may be practicable to fill that, and the numerous other vacancies of Officers in the Squadron, it will be attended to.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
Loanda.

True copy. A. Bandon Rowe
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 15th 1860.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst.; in which you report the inconvenience to the service on board the "Mohican" from the absence of a Purser.

You also suggest the temporary appointment of your Clerk to perform the duty of Purser although it would put you to serious inconvenience

I am without authority to appoint a Purser under any circumstances, but, in view of the absolute necessity of the case, I have addressed to Purser L. I. Brown attached to the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto," the order, a copy of which is furnished to you, enclosed. You will be pleased to govern yourself in accordance therewith, by a proper understanding with Captain Bonnin and with Purser Brown.

I have written urgently to the Department that a Purser may be promptly supplied to the "Mohican," and I suggest that in the mean time Purser Brown, undertake only the responsible disbursement of funds for the "Mohican."

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Commander
S. W. Godon
Comdg U. S. S. Steamer "Mohican"
Loanda.

True copy A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 13th 1860.

Sir:

I have received your letter of this date, with list of men Captured in the "Erie" Slaver, who are now on board the "Mohican."

As to your enquiry if you shall address the Marshal in regard to them, you will be pleased, as the Captor, to address the Marshal of the District in which Portsmouth, New Hampshire, is situated, stating what is necessary as to the four men, and if possible indicate the port, or District, in which the "Erie" will arrive.

To meet Official propriety, I will simply Countersign the paper for the Marshal. Let a Copy be made for the Navy Department, which will be "forwarded" in the usual way.

I am,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Commander
S. P. Godon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
St Paul de Loanda

True Copy H. Wanden Kamel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 11th 1860.

Sir:

I have received and read your reports on service dated July 4th, July 28th and August 9th, under my orders dated 29th & 30th June last.

I have also received and read your correspondence with Commodore Edmonstone, R. N.; with the Governor of St. Thomas and with the British Civil and Military Authorities at Cape Coast Castle and at Accra.

Those several parts of correspondence will be forwarded to the Navy Department.

I approve of your action as set forth in all the above named reports, inclusive of that of the capture of the Slaver "Erie."

If you have now on board the "Mohican" any of the persons that you found on board the former Vessel, whom it may be proper to send to the United States, you will be pleased to furnish me with a list of their names, in order to their conveyance in the "Marion."

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
Loanda.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 16th 1860.

Sir,

You duty required you to exhibit to me the order of the Navy Department, directing you to place yourself under my Command — You have omitted that duty — You will be pleased forthwith to send to me that order; under seal.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Godon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
Loanda

True copy H. Standen Maund
Flag Officer's Secretary

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 10th 1860.

A.

Sir:

Henceforward you will be pleased to make all your Communications to me in writing- Such of these as may be incident to the usual occasions of Official Visit you will deliver in person. Upon inspections you will receive and reply to orders- Verbally.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Gordon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican".
Loanda

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 26th 1860

Sir

The order of the Commander in-Chief, dated February 10th 1860, addressed to the Lieutenant Commanding the "Sumpter", Copy of Extract from which was furnished to you at West Bay, Princes Island, on the 23d June Last, is hereby rescinded.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg, U.S. African Squadron

Commander
S. W. Godon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 26th 1860

Sir

The order of the Commander in-Chief, dated February 10th 1860, addressed to the Lieutenant Commanding the "Sumpter", Copy of Extract from which was furnished to you at West Bay, Princes Island, on the 23d June Last, is hereby rescinded.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg. U.S. African Squadron

Commander
J. W. Godon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"

True Copy. A Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
July 26th 1860.

"General Order"

No part of the Stores or equipment of the Vessels of the Squadron, will be landed at the Public Store.

If any other Material is to be landed there, a list will be sent to the Flag Officer, to which he will append an order. When the Flag Ship is absent, such other Material may be Landed, of which, the Commander of the Vessel, will previously furnish a list to the Naval Store keeper, and leave with him a Copy, and Report, addressed to the Commander-in-Chief.

It is enjoined upon Commanders of Vessels to send forward, of one date, requisitions, under all heads of Appropriation, for Supplies which may be wanted for some time to come. If the Flag Ship is absent, the Store keeper will furnish Supplies upon requisitions (all of one date) of Commanders of Vessels.

The hours for Custom House business extend from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Commanders will govern themselves accordingly. If an emergency require an extension of those hours, the Store Keeper will endeavor to procure such extension for that occasion.

When Bread or Whiskey is delivered from the Store, all the Casks, when emptied, will be returned in as good order as possible to the Store. It is forbidden to use such Empty Casks as fuel.

(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Commander-in-Chief
U. S. African Squadron.

True Copy. N Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Official Papers.
U. S. Steamer "Portsmouth"
Monthly Examination
1860.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda -
August 20th 1860.

Until otherwise ordered the Steamers in this Squadron will be governed by the following rules. Viz -

Northern Coaling and Mail Station.

Fernando Po, where the Mails are due and depart on the 28th of every month. The "San Jacinto" and "Mohican" will take Coal at Clobey, near Corisco, until that deposit is exhausted.

The quantity of Coal deposited at Fernando Po, is much less than at Loanda - Therefore, the Steamer Coaling at that Island will only take Coal enough to make good two fifths of the quantity her bunkers will contain. The Steamers will always fill up at Loanda.

Southern Coaling and Provision Station.
Loanda.

Watering Stations.
Fernando Po, Cabenda and Loanda, or where convenient.

The Steamer when receiving Mails at Fernando Po, will pay any postage due there for the Mails of any person of the Squadron, of which the Purser of that Steamer will keep an accurate account, to be settled with the Purser of the Vessel in which such person is serving.

The Steamers on their way for and with mails will continue their Vigilance as Cruisers; and on meeting will impart to each other, such information as they may acquire as to Suspected Vessels. Such information will be courteously prepared; and all arrangements must result in the least Concentration, Consistent with Vigilant Cruising.

Coal, Provision and Water Stations,

All the Steamers will receive provision at Loanda when coming with mails, and at other times if absolutely necessary. They will fill up Coal and take Water during that visit - But, no time is to be lost, except for those objects, after which, they will resume their Mail duty, Cruising &c.

The Steamers may take Water, Wood &c, when needed, at Cabenda, or elsewhere on their Cruising ground.

The Commanders of the Steamers will send, when practicable, with the Mails, Monthly reports of Service to the Commander-in-Chief, at Loanda. These

reports will be full, shewing deviations from instructions by whom ordered, with the reasons therefor-, list of Mails boarded &c. &c.-

Soon after departure from Fernando Po with mails they will be Separately assorted into plainly marked bags for each Vessel of the Squadron, and for the Store Keeper and Residents of Loanda.

When a Steamer arrives at Loanda, She will anchor in a position to Lepen the boating, for receiving coal from the Shore. The Mails will be immediately sent to the Naval Store Keeper. When the Flag Ship is in the Port, her Mails will be taken on board of her.

Under all Circumstances, an unceasing vigilance is enjoined & prevent the Slave trade by American Vessels.

(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Commander-in-Chief
H. S. African Squadron-

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

H. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 21st 1860.

"General Order"

The Steamers of the Squadron under my Command will (until otherwise instructed) govern themselves so, that after taking the necessary Coal &c, at Clobey, or Fernando Po, they be ready for sea on the 28th of the month, and immediately after receiving the Mails from Europe, they will proceed direct to Loanda. This duty will be performed in the rotation thus set forth. viz-

"Mystic"	28th August
"Sumpter"	28th September
"Mohican"	28th October
"San Jacinto"	28th November
"Mystic"	28th December
"Sumpter"	28th January
"Mohican"	28th February
"San Jacinto"	28th March.

The Steamer thus bringing the Mails to Loanda, will follow the rules Specified in the order dated August 20th 1860; and having filled up Coal, Provision, Water &c, and received Mails from the Residents, that Steamer will proceed, not later than the 18th of the Month, and will Cruise on her way to Fernando Po, where she will deliver the Mail for Europe, in time, on the 28th of the Month. But, She will not there remain at that Port longer than to receive her own part of the Mail, then just due from Europe; and She will at once proceed on her Cruise.

(Signed, Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Commander in Chief
H. S. African Squadron-

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 23d 1860.

"Circular"-

The Commander-in-Chief calls the attention of Commanders of the Vessels in the Squadron, to the case of the American Bark "Edwin", Captain J. S. Clark.

The testimony before the British Colonial and judicial Authorities at Accra and Cape Coast Castle, furnished to me, and sent to the Navy Department, make it appear that Captain Clark, within the past or present year, wantonly fired at harmless Kroomen along the Coast, and committed such acts of violence, as probably to render him liable, under the 3d Section of the Law of the United States passed May 15th 1820, defining the crime of Piracy on the high Seas &c. &c. "or wherever the tide ebbs and flows."

The "Edwin" is reported to have gone to the U. S., but she may return to this Coast, and her Captain (J. S. Clark) in her. He appears to be a person to be looked after.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Commander-in-Chief
U. S. African Squadron

True Copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

African Squadron.
General Orders
&
Instructions
1860.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 6th 1860.

Sir.

On your arrival at Loanda, you will please arrange with Mr. C. A. Birnie, Storekeeper, in advance, and land at the Store house any unrequired, or Surplus, of the Stores received on board the "Portsmouth", at Porto Praia.

You will fill up Water and make good provisions for four months, if you can carry so much.

I am,

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
John Colhoun
Comdg U. S. Sloop "Portsmouth."

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 23d 1860.

You will be pleased to report in writing the length of time for which there is a supply, full issue, of provisions on board the "Constellation"; and to make a similar report, hereafter, on arrival at Loanda.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John S. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation".

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Monthly Return for
1860.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 24th 1860.

Sir.

The Honble Secretary of the Navy has ordered Boatswain A. Hingerty for duty on board the "Constellation", and an Order, from the same Authority, directs, that when Boatswain Hingerty shall thus report for duty, the Appointment of Acting Boatswain which I conferred upon you, will cease.

Boatswain Hingerty has reported for duty, and your appointment as Acting Boatswain is hereby Cancelled from and after this date.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Mr. Wm Long,
Acting Boatswain
U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 24th 1860

Sir.

I have received your letter of this date in acknowledgement of my order which has Cancelled your appointment as Acting Boatswain of the Flag Ship "Constellation."

That Appointment was given to you on the 13th January 1860, subject to confirmation by the Navy Department. The Hon: Secretary of the Navy has ordered a Warranted Boatswain to the "Constellation", and upon his reporting for duty, your Appointment should Cease.

You have requested to be discharged from the Service, that you may return to the U. S. in the Sloop "Marion," which will probably be the first to leave this Station.

In the absence of more precise instructions with regard to you, and in View of your invariably excellent Conduct and Character, since your appointment and during its Continuance, I have complied with your wish and have ordered you to be discharged and received on board the "Marion."

The unanimity with which the Officers of this Ship report your good Conduct, and the Care that you have given to fit yourself for intelligent performance of the duties of Boatswain, assure me that you are worthy to fill that position.

I trust that the Hon: Secretary of the Navy will authorize an examination, with a View to your permanent appointment as a Boatswain in the Navy of the United States.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Commdg U. S. African Squadron.

Mr. Wm Long
Acting Boatswain
U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda

True copy. A. Wanton Howard
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 25th 1860.

I have received the Communication which you have concurred in and forwarded to me, from 1st Lieut. John R. V. Tattnall, Senior and Commanding Officer of Marines in this Squadron.

I concur in the recommendation contained therein, and at a proper time will order the transfer of that Marine, Private John Reinlein to such suitable vessel as may return to the United States.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John S. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"

True copy. H. Landen Kennel
Flag Officer's Secretary

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 25th. 1860.

Sir:

You will report to Commander Thomas T. Brent, on board the U. S. Sloop "Marion", for passage in that Ship to the United States, as recommended by Medical Survey, held on board the "Mohican" on the 30th June 1860. I have ordered a copy of that Survey to be sent with your account.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Midshipman
F. B. Blake
U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation".

True copy. S. Marsden Hannel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
July 25th 1860.

Sir.

You will be pleased to transfer Mid=
shipman F. B. Blake, late of the "Mohican", to the
U. S. Sloop "Marion", in order to his return in that
Vessel to the United States, as recommended by
Medical Survey, Copy enclosed, which Copy you will
send with his account to Commander Brent.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John J. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 7th 1860.

Sir:

You will be pleased to proceed with the "Constellation," under your command, to Sea, where you will be further advised.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Captain
John L. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."

True Copy. A. Marden Harvel
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 11th 1860.

No. 11.

You will be pleased to transfer immediately, for duty on board the U. S. Steamer "Mystic", from the "Constellation", four (4) Seamen, five (5) ordinary Seamen, One (1) Corporal, three (3) Private Marines and one Steerman.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Lieutenant
John L. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."

True copy. A. Vanduzer Hamel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 12th 1860.

Sir

You are hereby detached from the "Constellation" until further orders. You will report to Captain Thomas A. Dornin for duty on board the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto."

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieutenant
James S. Foster
U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."

True Copy. Standish Hamel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 12th 1860.

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You are hereby detached from the "Constellation", until further orders,- You will report to Captain Thomas A. Dornin, for duty on board the U. S. Steamer "San Jacinto."

I am,

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron-

Midshipman
Walter R. Butt
U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."

True copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Orig:

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 13th 1860

Sir.

You are hereby detached from the "Constellation," until further orders. You will report to Lieut. Comdg Wm E. Le Roy, for duty on board the U. S. Steamer "Mystic."

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Midshipman
Theodore F. Vane
U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."

True Copy. A Standen Hamel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda.
August 13th 1860.

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ll.

You will be pleased to transfer Private Marine, John Ruilein, to the U. S. Sloop "Marion", in order to his return to the United States, as recommended, with your concurrance, in the letter dated 24th July 1860, addressed to me by 1st Lieut. John R. F. Tattnall, Senior & Comdg Officer of Marines in this Ship.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Sert.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

aptain
John S. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation."

True copy. Allanden Hamel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 1th 1860.

Sir.

You will be pleased to cause Lieutenant Charles S. McDonough, under your orders, to be arrested for trial by Court Martial, and to provide that he be authentically furnished with the Charges sent to you herewith.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Sevt.
Signed Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Captain
John S. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"

True copy
A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 23d 1860.

Sir.

You will be pleased to proceed with the "Constellation" to Sea, where you will be further instructed.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Capt Isaac
John S. Nicholas
Comdg U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"

True copy. A. Standen Stanwell
Flag Officers Secretary

U.S. Flag Ship Constellation
St Paul de Guanaxo
September 1st 1860.

Sir,

In my letter dated August 3rd 1860, (No 102), I had the honor to inform the Department of my intention to leave the honor to report to you the circumstances, regarding some Command of the U.S. Steamer "Mohican", Commander J. N. Godon, which will be tried for insubordination, by Court Martial, as soon as the service will permit, probably by the 10th of next month. Lieut. T. Catman Tattnall, of the "Mohican" commands her for the present.—

I respectfully inform the Department, that the insubordination, spoken of above, consisted in addressing to me two reprehensible letters.

Commander Godon, has been suspended, since the 2d of August 1860, during which interval, the "Mohican" has made a short cruise, under Command of Lieut. T. Catman Tattnall.

I have, to day, returned to his Command, Commander Godon, and I revoked his suspension, pursuant to, and under the 30th Article, of the Law approved, April 23d 1800.

The Court Martial, contemplated in that case, is thus obviated, and the Vessels of the Squadron, can at once resume their cruising, which would otherwise, be interrupted, for a long period.

I submit herewith, the Correspondence, named in my No 102.

I am,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

[signature]

Flag Officer
Comdg U.S. African Squadron

Hon.
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy

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H. M. Flag Ship "Constantia"
West Bay, Cuban Island,
June 25th 186

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Your attention is called to the Circular
Order, dated 25th of November 1859, which requires,
that when Officially visiting the Flag Ship, on
Meeting, a Commander shall bring with him a
Report showing for what number of days, there is
on board, a Supply of provisions, Water and fuel.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Signed Wm. Duncan
Flag Officer
Comdg H. M. African Squadron.

Commander
J. W. Gordon,
Comdg H. M. S. "Mohican"

Q. Nov 5.

True Copy. Standen Hamel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

R. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Princes Island,
June 30th 1860.

Sir,

In the order for service by Steamers on the West Coast of Africa, dated February 1st 1860, is the following clause.

"The Commanders of those "Steamers will have the relation to each other- "required above, but their responsibilities being "separate, so will their Command be totally in- "dependent each of the other."

That clause is hereby rescinded, and not to be observed. You will be pleased to give effect to this order; and you will furnish a Copy to each of the Steamers, "Mystic" and "Sampson", when you may meet them.

I am,
Your respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
Signed, Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg R. S. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Gordon
Comdg R. S. Steamer "Mohican"
West Bay.

True Copy. A. Vanden Hewel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

H. M. Flag Ship "Constellation"
West Bay, Bahama Islands.
June 30th 1860.

Sir,

Owing my absence at the North, Special Communications have failed to reach me. You will, therefore, be pleased to furnish me with a Copy to accompany the letters of Complaint of the Bark Edwin, at Accra; and of the Brig "Chassie" at Whydah, both on the West Coast of Africa. In view of any other such Cases, you will make your future letters on Service full, so as to include all matters in arrear of transmission.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Duncan
Flag Officer
Comdg H. M. African Squadron.

Commander
S. W. Gordon
Comdg H. M. Steamer "Medusa"
"West Bay.

True Copy. A. Vanden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
Ft. Paul de Fonceda,
August 10th 1862.

Sir.

I have duty to perform & time to do it in fit to me. Ste order of the Navy Department, directing upon to place yourself under my command. You have omitted that duty upon will be pleased forthwith to send me that order, under Seal.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your ob't. servt.
Signed Wm. Lennau
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Commander
A. H. Foote
Comdg U.S. Steamer "Kanawha"

True Copy. Attest. Geo. Preble
Flag Officer's Secretary

H. I. M. Motteau
St. Paul de Loando
August 10th 1861.

Sir,

Your order of this date requiring me forthwith" to send to you under seal, my Order from the Navy Department, directing me to place myself under your Command, is herewith complied with.

I send, to be back at Noon, my Commission & the Navy to place the "Motteau" under your Command, in these words;" I have the honor to inform you of my arrival on the Station and to place myself & Officers under your Command, by orders from the Hon. the Sec.y of the Navy, dated Navy. 10th 1860; with those orders came inclosed your order of Octo. 3d 1859, which I was directed to carry out, and I have done so." My Book informs me, I also remember to be the Case, that I left behind the Original orders of the Station on board of the flag Ship, when I first met with her at Port Praia, Princes Island, if they were not exhibited at the time by you, I presume they were not then required by you.

I feel I am not justly chargeable with any omission of my duty; I am surprised to find, that from the 23d of June till the 10th of August I should have been permitted to pass without my having been informed that such was your idea, the more so, as I again met you on the 29th of June in Port Bay, after an absence of near, if not quite, three days.

Your letter charging me with neglect of duty concerns a charge which I protest against, as totally uncalled for and unjustifiable.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obt. Servt.
Signed C. H. Gordon
Commander.

To
Officer
Jno. Inman
Commander-in-Chief
U.S. African Squadron.

True copy. A. Warden Howell
Flag Officers Secretary.

H.M.S. "Flag Ship" Constitution
St. Paul de Loanda
August 11th 1861.

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 10th inst: in reply to my order of that date, which is in the words fully copied and underlined

I regret to perceive in your letter a spirit of recon=cilliable with right feeling, and I shall reply somewhat at length, with a view to promote the harmony of the Service.

While ever I desire to do you justice, and to sustain your authority within its proper limits, I must be just to myself, and not permit my own to be infringed upon.

You in the order of which you write as follows— "You are charging me with neglect of duty conveying a rebuke which I protest against as entirely uncalled for and unjustifiable."

There is not a semblance of a charge, or accusation of neglect in the wording of my letter. It states in a few simple words the unquestionable requirement of your duty— and its omission. You are courteously, though truly informed and told in that order, and as it may have been more or less confidential, it was to be sent under seal. Certainly there is the strongest possible contrast between my Official letter and the paragraph, quoted above, from your own, as to Official Offen=siveness.

Your report in writing, dated 19th March, did not deem the propriety of exhibiting your order on meeting me, and you must have thought so, for you now inform me that you brought those orders on board the Flag Ship.

It was your province to tender them, not mine to ask for them. Perhaps it is now a fair presumption to suppose that you would have taken Offense had I done so.

You write that "you are surprised to find that from the 23rd June till the 10th of August, should I have been permitted 4 days, without my having been informed that such was your idea &c.—

Since the 1st of July, when I left you at Princes

Commander
C. W. Gordon
Comdg H.M.S. Steamer "Medusa."
Loanda.

... ros Island, until your arrival here on the 10th inst:-
... will convince that it has not been practicable for me
... communicate with you; and it cannot be ingenuous to
... once that I could, though your words imply it.

The propriety of any order, is not affected by an interval
... time; and my Commands will be issued without
... unnecessary consideration of time or circumstance. I
... them to be obeyed without discussion or hesitation-
... not desire to point you, when I say, that none of those
... or any Command, except yourself, have attempted within
... case your original orders.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg Ms. & African Squadron -

True copy: F. Vanderhorst
(Flag Officer's Secretary)

H. M. S. & V. "Monarch"
St Paul de Loanda
August 12. 1860.

No. 1

Your Communication of the 11th inst. is received. I note that portion in which you State "there "is not a semblance of a charge or accusation of "neglect in the wording of my letter."

You quote from my letter thus: "I am surprised "to find, that from the 13th of June till the 11th of "August, should have been permitted to pass, without "any having been informed that such was your idea." "&c." and there you stop, but you omitted to continue the paragraph, in these words; "the "more so as I again met you on the 30th of June in "West Bay, after an absence of near if not quite "three days."

From the 29th of June until the 11th July, it was impracticable for you to communicate with me, after that it was not, until we met here.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(signed) C. M. Gordon
Commander

Flag Officer.
&c. &c.
Wm Jones
Senior Naval Officer Squadron.

True Copy: Charles Hillyar
Flag Officers Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship Constitution"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 10th 1860.

Sir

The circumstances attending your departure from me, during the brief time, that you have been in the presence of the Flag Ship, render it proper, that I address you this letter.

You have spoken of your peculiar position, with regard to Naval Officers of this Squadron. That, positively objects with equal force to myself.

I have the advantage of position and authority, and I regard my duty to the Service, paramount to other consideration, Hence, from the first moment of your presenting yourself, I have treated you with especial courtesy and forbearance. I have attended to your first recommendation of the condition of the "Mohican," I have approved your official correspondence, in the case of the Archer, I have paid to you, on your own desk, the compliment "that you anticipated me in your wishes by the British Commodore." I have of your repeated repetitions I have modified one of my communications, which received an omission of your duty. When you submitted to me the draft of a letter, you were about to send to Foreign Officers, I courteously requested your assent, upon proposing the substitution of one word for another. I believe that you took special interest in a midshipman of the "Mohican," who was ordered home, by Medical survey, and I invited him to be conveyed to Loanda, on the Flag Ship, instead of the Steamer "Sumpter," because I supposed the former, to be more desirable to you, in behalf of the sick Officer. In short, I have employed towards you, the most considerate delicacy.

How has it been met on your part? You have adopted towards me, an eager, familiar manner, and dictatorial tone, discordant with the respect due to me, and strong contrast with the conduct of every other Officer in the Squadron.

—You

Commander
J. W. Gordon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican."

I do have presumed to question my Commands, May, you have noted, that I should shape them with a View to my own Officer benefit. Were I to do so, I should be guilty of Officials Dishonesty of purpose. I need not Comment upon the Impropriety, and Impropriety of your Suggestion.

Upon two several occasions, of departure from what is usual, or proper, in the Conduct of your Command; you have accounted for it, by Reasons, as little acceptable to my good sense, as were the Assumptions of intended compliment to my dignity.

Upon my return, to the Southern part of my Command, I have thought proper, to rescind one of my orders; no longer necessary- As you have Spoken of that order, I mention it, to advise you, of any possible impression, that I have Commanded it at your instance.

Your views of the importance of "your permanent Divisions- Your Command, per se, is no more than that of any Lieutenant Commanding- it imports that you Command the "African" only. There are four Officers, in the Division, who will take precedence of you, for Command of Division, and a Special order for such Command, will precede its exercise.

I will not permit you, to retain the false position, you have assumed towards me; I, therefore, call your attentions to the order, dated to day, furnished to you herewith, marked A.

I am,
Very resp.ly Your
Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer,
Comdg U.S. African Squadron

True Copy. N. Vanden Heuvel
(Flag Officer's Secretary.)

A.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 10th 1860.

Sir,

I have to inform you that it is my intention to make all your Communications to me in writing—and of those as may be incident to the usual occasions of Official Visit, you will deliver me a Note. Upon inspections you will receive and reply to orders verbally.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
J. W. Gordon
Comdg U. S. Steamer "Mohican"

True Copy. J. W. Gordon Comdr
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U.S.S. "Mohican"
Navy Yard League Island
Aug. 11 1862.

Sir:

I have received your Communication of this date with enclosed order marked "A", and shall answer it at your leisure.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Signed, C. H. Poor
Lt Commander

Flag Officer
Wm Inman
Commanding-in-Chief
U.S. Steamer Wabash
Philadelphia

True Copy, W. Inman Flag
Flag Officer's Secretary.

H.I.M.S. "Hotham"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 20th 1862

Sir,

I had the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th inst: I write its "Read order" on the 11th — and to inform you that I should receive that a more convenient moment.

When I parted with you in Mossamedes Bay, Princes Island, such was, so far as I understood it, the official understanding between us, that I hoped the greatest harmony would result therefrom. You may therefore judge of my surprise on my reaching this port, and having your second Official visit on board of your ship, to have placed on my hands, soon before I had reported my vessel, your Communication now in question and its accompanying order — Sincerely glad to say, that I fear the peculiarity of mind which could produce this unfortunate Change, and that too during an absence of only five weeks, will result in pernicious effects on the tone and discipline of the Squadron.

You inform me, that I have spoken to you "in peculiar position with regard to Naval officers on the Squadron, and you are pleased graciously to call my attention to the fact, that our relations are the same; I regret again, Sir, that you should have brought so delicate a subject up, in an Official Communication, in which it should have no bearing; nor can I subscribe to the statement, that you have treated me with especial courtesy and forbearance, on that or any other account.

I ask for no forbearance and I simply claim the Courtesy that usage and my Official position require.

You state: "I have awarded to you just commendation of the Condition of the "Hotham," was that forbearance? It was but justice to my Officers and Crew.

State:

"I have approved your Official Correspondence in the Case of the Archer." The broad American principle enunciated in that Correspondence, could not be otherwise than approved of- As to the Compliment, you say you paid me, on the deck of my own Ship, in, that I had anticipated you; in my Courtesy to the British Commodore; I cannot feel its force; I was present when the British Commodore tendered the Courtesy and I availed myself of the opportunity to extend it to him; You allowed me on your presence to appropriate alone that Courtesy and hospitality. What Claim for treating me with forbearance have you Sir, because as you say, you Courteously requested my assent to substitute a word, in my draft of a letter to a foreign Officer! Could you have proposed the substitution with rudeness! It was I who submitted with Courtesy to the Change in my letter at your Suggestion.

Common humanity, it seems to me, if no higher motive, should have induced you to have selected the best Vessel for the accommodation of a young and most promising Officer condemned by Medical Survey, that Vessel happened to be the Flag Ship; You seem to Claim something from my gratitude for having done this, because I had an interest in the Officer alluded to. I feel the obligation to hang much too heavily on me, since you are so prompt to require payment at my hands, nor Can I appreciate your Claim of "Considerate delicacy" toward me for that or any other point in the recited list.

You are pleased Sir, to contrast my manners with others, and say- "You have adopted towards me, an eager familiar manner and dictatorial tone, discordant with the respect due to me, and in strong contrast with the Conduct of every other Officer in the Squadron". Our Conversations sometimes did assume a familiar manner; how could they otherwise, when you made use of such expressions as these! "Do you take it through your hair", meaning I suppose, Do you understand it;" "He could not take it through his wool", meaning I suppose, He could not understand it, "take that through and clench it at the back of your head," meaning I suppose, To understand and remember it. I think, Sir, that you must admit

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that it was impossible that the Junior could have initiated such familiarity, particularly when you recall to my notice the "peculiar position" in which I stood toward you in our last meeting. The Junior, could have but followed the conversation, and so he did. How far this familiar manner you state, was "discordant with the respect due to me" sir!, it is not for me to judge— No intercourse was ever sought by myself I believe, and the last one held at West Bay was held at your request and by a call through my clerk. to come on board in anything I happened to have on."

You say.

"You (I) have presumed to question my (your) commands, say, you have suggested, that I should shape (your) course with a view to my ulterior benefit". I questioned the propriety of one Command, and as you reminded it, I presumed you were fully convinced of the propriety of my act— I did suggest to you when you were giving me a familiar account of your troubles with Capt. Armstrong, that you would treat "your Captains" in such a way, that they could stand by you and bear you out in any thing", neither can I believe with you, that, for me to follow that suggestion, you would be guilty of "official dishonesty," nor that I can be charged with "indelicacy" or "impropriety" in making the suggestion— I (as suggested to you / though you do not mention it) the importance, indeed the necessity, of your inviting Commodore Edmonstone, to take passage with you, since I learned that he had been told by Capt. Nicholas, of your ship, that you were going to St. Thomas, and you did follow that suggestion, When I warned you that I would exact a promise from the Commodore that he would not leave my Vessel.

You Say:

"Upon two several occasions of departure from that is usual and proper, in the Conduct of your Command, you have accounted for it, by reasons as little acceptable to my good sense, as were the assumptions of intended compliment to my dignity." I should not have known the meaning of this passage in your letter, but that you mentioned me verbally in your Cabin what you alluded to. The matter is insignificant, but I will not pass it over without notice— When you first visited the "Mohican"

told you that I should have preferred making the
ight Salute to the Flag Officer, but that Circumstances
ad prevented it. The other occasion, was, my being
ormed while in your Cabin and in Conversation
ith you, that my Ship had sailed into 3 fathoms, I
ked you to shift the berth, and added pleasantly, I
ll there by praping under your Stern to Salute your
ag. Here you perceive as Complimants. It is no departure
om usage, from what is usual and proper in the Conduct
a Command, for a Six gun Vessel to decline Salutes
m to a Vessel of my draft to go into three fathoms Water
e was built for that object and that is one of her Duties,
d I now suggest, with deference however, that any
ing not acceptable to your "good Sense" or any
sumptions of intended Compliments to your dignity",
ould be met with promptly at the moment.

Now say:

"Upon my return to the Southern Part of my
mmand, I have thought proper to Rescind one of my
ders, no longer Necessary; lest you have Notice of that
der, I mention it, to disabuse you, of any possible
pression, that I have Countermanded it at your
stance." Facts are Stubborn things - and I give below
ur order in these words.

"H. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
" West Bay, Princes Island
June 30th 1860.

Sir.

"In the order for Service, by Steamers, on the West
ast of Africa, dated Feby. 1. 1860, is the following Clause."

"The Commanders of those Steamers, will have the
lation to each other, required above, but their responsibility
ing Separate, so will their Command be totally
dependent, each of the other."

"That Clause is hereby rescinded and not to be
served."

"You will be pleased to give effect to this order, and
ou will furnish a Copy to each of the Steamers "Mystic"
nd "Sumpter" when you may meet them."

"I am
"Very respectfully
"Your Obt. Servt

"Signed

"Signed, Wm Inman
"Flag Officer
" Comdg U.S. African Squadron

Commander
C. W. Jeakes
Comdg U.S.S. "Mohican"
West Bay, Princes Island."

"An order was not only necessary
in my instance, but I believe it was so intended because I
pointed out and convinced your mind of its impropriety and
pernicious effect upon discipline. I informed you that under
one of the named vessels had presumed in my presence to
make sail without my permission, but that I had promptly
checked it. Nay, you did more, you directed me to carry out
the rescinding of the order as you perceive above, and in the
new Schedule, dated July 25th 1860, for service by steamers,
you have carefully omitted the part complained of by me,
and named the "San Jacinto," as the senior of the three
named for carrying on the same duty.

In a previous part of your letter you stated:
"In view of your candid representation, I have modified
some of my communications, which suggested an omission of
your duties." I did not answer this in its order, as I wished
to contrast it with another part of your letter. On our first
meeting at West Bay, I did all I could to show you that
there might be one peculiar position, which you have
given such special pains to call my attention to, in your
letter now under consideration. Neither in my manner nor
words could that "peculiar position" affect my official conduct
towards you. I believed my easy, frank conduct produced
that effect, and every thing appeared harmonious. This,
however, did not change the character of the order above
quoted, which you rescinded and which I considered
not only disrespectful to me, but, as I said, destructive
of subordination in the Squadron, nor did I wish to
allude to it on our first meeting, but when we met the
second time on the 29th June, after an absence of
two days, I determined to speak to you about it,
almost as I entered your Cabin you remarked to
me in a pleasant way, that you had "scolded" me in
a letter which you put in my hand — Mark the
familiarity, Sir! — After an interview, I spoke of
an offensive order in declaring my junior, ——

— independent

"independent of my Commd". I left, however, to allow you to sail on Commodore Edmonstone – On reading your kind letter, on my return to the "Medusa", in which you were pleased to say you had looked over, found you had commenced a system of fault finding in my absence, which, as I had committed no offence, I considered that if I permitted at the start, it should be in fact make the rest of the cruise. It is so easy to find fault and often so hard in very small and petty matters to answer the system.

The following morning I by signal, saw you and once and with much warmth pointed out to you the impropriety of your letter and its tone. You withdrew it. I then again referred to the offensiveness of the order alluded to above, as to the independence of my Junior in my presence), and added, that it would not be difficult for me to make it appear to the Secretary of the Navy, if I pleased to send this order to him, that it was directly aimed at me – Considerable conversation was had, and you said, you would change the order, I remarked that it would have the appearance of having been done because of the arrival on the Station of Capt. Simms, and that this would make the order if me even more offensive – Your answer was that you would do it in such form as would be right. I was under much excitement at the time, (for I felt greatly aggrieved) fatigued by loss of rest (having given up my Cabin to Commodore Edmonstone) and as I told you at the time, my feelings worked upon by parting with my young dear Officer friend – the change of feeling, from that excitement; and indignation (at what I considered Official outrages), to the better feeling produced by what then appeared to me a prompt and manly reparation on your part of these wrongs, produced its natural and sudden revulsion – and I showed my sense of this change by a nervousness which caused me to excuse myself for the weakness – (allow me, Sir, in saying, to recall the occasion in your Cabin in the presence of Lieut: Comdg: De Roy, where nature exacted from yourself a similar weakness. This, then Sir, is the exact truth of "your tearful representation" and I regret to have to say, that I feel

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entire absence of Candor in your Statement— contrast
so Sir, that "Lawful representation" with your description
"my Eager familiar manner"— your intimation of
"dictatorial tone", and with a charge of my presuming
question your Commands— These Contradictory State-
ments have but an interval of a few lines in your
of Explanation, but that interval seems to have
been long enough to change, made you forget their
logical Connection. I have no objection that a higher
Authority may draw its Conclusions.

Sir again I say!

"Your views of the importance of "your
Command" are Sublime, Your Pennant, for it, is no
more than that of any Lieutenant Commanding— it
implies that I command the "Mohican" only." I
pass over, without Comment, the contemptuous tone
of this entire paragraph— I am quite aware that "My
Pennant" for it is but a piece of bunting; when,
however, floating from the Mast-head of a National
Ship, its Consequence is graded by the Commission with
which the Government invests the one who hoists it.
My "Pennant" then as Commander in the Navy, is one grade
higher than a Lieutenant Commanding & rightly, as
you say, it simply imports that I command the "Mohican";
also carries with it the duty of Obedience to all below me.
You remind me Sir, that you stated in your Cabin, in
talking terms, that you were an Admiral— I did not
gainsay it at the time, but your argument to reduce my
views of the importance of "My Pennant", turns to this point—
your flag i.e. for it &c, is what my pennant is, & as it
is no Special Commission from the Government to give
Validity, it must retain only its own merit— It imports,
that as a Post Captain in the Navy, you command the
African Squadron in Chief, with the legal title of "Flag
Officer," during the time of Command only; when that
time expires you retain only the Official title of
Captain"—

Permit me Sir, with due deference, in connection
with this subject, to call your attention to Circular
of the Navy Department of April 22, 1842, and—
particularly to that part of it which says;

"The Commander-in-Chief of a Squadron will

—find

and the best support to his own dignity and importance,
maintaining the dignity and importance of the Officers
who are subordinate to him."

That is the text I see, with reference I leave it for
me to make the Commentaries.

I believe that I have now answered fully, as
promised, your communication, and I trust, that
you will give me credit for having done it with no
disrespectful haste, and that, I have not allowed
my feelings, that it might naturally have engendered,
to interfere with an apparently removed harmonious
official intercourse. I bring this Squadron with
a earnest desire to bend every energy to a proper
fulfilment of the duties that devolved upon me in
the execution of the arduous service we are called upon
to perform, and I had hoped, and, I do still venture
to hope, that for the future, those energies will not
be drawn, by irritating and improper letters and orders,
from their proper objects, the faithful serving of my
Country.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Very respectfully
Your obdt Servt
(signed) S. W. Gordon
Commander.

To Officer
Comdg Home Squadron
Commander-in-Chief
&c. &c. African Squadron

True Copy. Wanden Kinsel
Flag Officers Secretary.

H.M.S. "Flag Ship "Constitution"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 21st, 1860.

Sir,

I have received your very long and unsatisfactory letter, dated 20th instant, in reply to mine of the 17th of August instant.

The insubordinate and disrespectful manner in which you have addressed me, in your letter, cannot be permitted - it is entirely subversive of discipline and authority.

You are about to proceed on service of importance; I, therefore, give you the opportunity to recall your letter of the 20th instant.

You will be pleased to reflect, upon its consequences, to day - And any answer will be dispatched to-morrow morning, when you will communicate in writing, your reply.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer
Comdg H.M. S. African Squadron.

Commander.
W. Jones
Comdg H.M.S. Steamer "Archer"
Loanda.

True Copy. Alexander Bennett
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. S. "Portsmouth"
Off Point de Lorenda
August 24th 1861.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of this days date, in answer to mine letter of the 21st.

Had I noted, you would have considered my letter, but a simple affair of duty of the 21st, and the accompanying order, I did not fear disputes.

I regret to find, that you consider it improper.

You inform me, that the "Perkins" is about proceed on important duty, and I infer, that my steamer might be seen Nay, includes this public service; Should you deem this the case, I request you will consider my letter of the 21st, in preference to yours of the 19th, suspended until the public service will permit me to lay it before you without detriment.

I have the honor to be
&c.
Your Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed S. W. Gordon.
Commander

Flag Officer
Wm Mervine
Comdg U.S. African Squadron

A true copy. Wm Gordon Keppel
Flag Officer's Secretary

H.M. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda,
August 22nd 1860.

Sir,

I have received your letter of this date, in reply to mine of yesterday, in which I say that, "I am about to forward on a matter of importance, "if Europe, your Report the opportunity to receive your letter of the 20th instant."

The recall of your inclosure letter of the 20th instant, was to be understood as absolute.

My duty will not permit me to entertain a letter, under any circumstances. You will please to hold to this as soon as practicable, as I desire to employ the "Mohican" within a short time.

I am

Your respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) Wm. Jeremans
Flag Officer.
Comdg H.M. African Squadron.

Commander
H. Godon,
Comdg H.S. Steamer "Mohican"
Loanda.

True copy. J. Standen Stewart
Flag Officer's Secretary

U.S.S. Richmond
off St. Jean de Lauda
August 1st, 1861.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date.

You state, "I see, by all of your active letter of the 1st instant, was to be understood as absolute - my duty will not permit me to entertain such a letter under any circumstances."

My letter of the 1st inst. is in reply to your letter of the 10th inst. and its accompanying notice - and not the address, as you inform me, of the "position and authority" I cannot, therefore, justify your communications to me. I am only willing to state, defend myself, and protest against any abuse of position and authority - I feel I have done no more. Sir, in my letter. While I am willing to suspend my letter, in answer to yours of the 10th, until it can be entertained without detriment to the service, I feel that the official wrongs heaped upon me in your letter and order of the 10th to not permit me to recall my letter, and I decline the further correspondence which you have been obliged to initiate with me, the forwarded to the proper Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
Wm. H. Gordon
Commander

To Officer
Wm Inman
Comdg U.S. African Squadron.

True Copy. Wm. Hunter Kennel
Flag Officers Secretary.

Copy.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constitution"
St. Paul de Loanda
August 22nd 1860.

No.

I have received your letter of this date, requesting that the entire correspondence which I have initiated with you, may be forwarded to the Navy Department.

Copies of that Correspondence will be thus forwarded by me.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman
Flag Officer,
Commdg U. S. African Squadron.

Commander
J. W. Cadow
&c. &c. &c. Barque "Mohican"
Loanda

True Copy. Handen Howard
Flag Officers Secretary.

H. M. Ship "Constitution"
At Gibraltan
August 23rd 1860.

Sir,

I beg, with pleasure, to introduce Lieutenant Thomas Robinson, the Commander of this H. M. Steamer "Mohican". You will at the same time hand to him, all the General and Special instructions and orders, how to proceed on board the "Mohican". As soon as this can be done, you will consider yourself superseded from your Command, until further orders.

I am,
Sir, Your most obedient
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) Wm. Jenkins
Flag Officer
Comdg. H. M. African Squadron.

Commander
J. H. Godon
Comdg H. M. Steamer "Mohican"
Gibraltar.

True copy. Thomas Jenkins
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda.
August 22nd 1860.

Sir,

Commander H. Gordon will transfer you, all the General and Special instructions and orders, now in force, on board the U. S. Steamer "Mohican" And you are hereby ordered to relieve Commander H. Gordon in that Command, and to fulfil further orders.

You will be pleased to continue to Commander Gordon, all the privileges and observances of respect to which his rank entitles him.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Inman
Flag Officer.
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Lieutenant
J. Herman Tattnall
U. S. Steamer "Mohican"
Loanda.

True Copy. Alexander Semmes
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U. S. S. "Niphon"
Bay de Loando
August 22. 1862.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of this date, handing me a Letter to Lieut. Patterson Commanding U. S. Steamer "Niphon" and all General and Special Instructions and orders now in force, on board the "Niphon", and then to consider myself relieved from my command until further orders.

As the "Niphon" is about to leave on a cruise of some weeks, and not being willing to suspect myself of being accused about the Niphon first as a prisoner, on the ship I have commanded, I desire permission to return to the United States, in the "John Griffin," to sail in a few days from this port. When I can lay before the Secretary of the Navy, the matter in which I have been engaged.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Edward D. Madison
Lt Commanding

To
Flag Officer
Wm Inman
Comdg U. S. Steamer Niphon

A True Copy. Wm Madison Bennett
Flag Officer's Secretary.

U.S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Port de Louda
August 22nd 1866.

Sir,

I have received your letter of today, inviting upon transfer of Command of the "Hartford" to Lieutenant Patterson.

Your request for permission to return to the United States in the "John Hopkins" cannot be granted. The "Hartford" is not going to sea for a long cruise.

On the 1st. the Delaware will be ready, & the Squadron will probably be here, so that a properly constituted Court-Martial may be formed, if ordered, to investigate the cause of your suspension from Command.

If you return to the United States that vessel will be open, & opportunity will probably be afforded in a Merchant Ship, which I shall be glad to advise.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Lowndes
Flag Officer,
Comdg U.S. Atlantic Squadron.

Commander
C.H. Gordon
U.S. Navy
U.S. Steamer "Hartford"
Port de Louda.

A true copy. Alexander Adams
Flag Officer's Secretary.

No. 111.

U.S.S. "Augusta" Coast Survey
at Port Royal Entrance
April 30th 1862.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated respectively May 29th 1862, June 16th 1862, and another of June 16th 1862, which last mentioned letter of instructions No 4, and paper No 5 to No 18 inclusive.

I have also received duplicate of the letter of June 1st 1862, to proceed and dispatch the ship "Navy".

I have obtained a boat for the "Augusta" at Beaufort. The "Motticon", which after receiving supplies and discharging her stores, will sail to-day, as well as the "Navy" ship. The "Augusta" will receive supplies and discharge her cargo in a few days.

The general health of the squadron is good.

I am,
Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

S. F. Dupont
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron.

Hon:
Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Flag Ship Susquehanna,
West Coast of Africa,
September 5th 1860.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith, a duplicate of my of 19th August, Original of which, with the Correspondence, named therein, was sent direct to the United States by the Barque "Ocean Eagle". Copies accompanied that of the 15th instant. Also Journal and Log Books Nos 104 and 110, Originals having been sent in the "Ocean Eagle".

Lieutenant Pendergrast, 1st Lieut. Morris, Lieut. Rodgers, and Passed Assistant Surgeon Wilson, are detached, per Requisition, and ordered to the United States in charge of this ship and transfer.

I have the honor to inform the Department that Commodore George N. Hollins, and Commodore Charles H. Poor, are detached per Requisition, and ordered home in charge of this Squadron.

I also beg leave to inform the Department that Lieut. Commanding Stephen D. Trenchard, Executive Officer of the United States Steamer Saginaw, has been detached per Requisition, and ordered to the United States in charge of this Squadron.

I respectfully state, that 1st Lieutenant John L. Worrell, U.S.M.C., Officer, has been on board the Steamer San Jacinto, Commanded by Captain Thomas T. Craven, until I should leave, when Master 1st Lieut. John R. T. Mitchell, Marine Officer of the Squadron, was to join.

That

Hon. Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

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Sept. 5. 1860

Flag Ship

Sir:

By the Order of the Navy Department dated 2nd Sept. 1863, Lieutenant Pattison, Executive Officer of the Flag Ship Lieutenant Pierce, is the only other Military Officer, in the Squadron. Will the Department be pleased to inform me, if he is to remain, or brought the Pierce to Salem, or to be transferred to the Potomac Flotilla.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Inman
Flag Officer
Commdg U.S. African Squadron

U.S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
September 6th 1864.

Sir

I will forward to the United States, and upon your arrival, will give you in writing to the Navy Department, a list of the officers.

As there is no Public Vessel bound to the United States now in Africa, you will take passage in the American Bark "Hope of Salem" which is about to sail for Salem, Massachusetts.

I am.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm Inman.
Flag Officer
Commdg U.S. African Squadron

Charles J. McDonough
U.S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
St. Paul de Loanda
Africa.

True Copy. A. Vanderbeare
Flag Officers Secretary.

U.S. Steamer Lackawanna
Off the Capes of the Delaware,
Port Captain's Office
September 30th 1866.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the arrival of U.S. Steamer Lackawanna under my command from Liverpool, England, via Queenstown Ireland, the Azores Islands & St Thomas W.I. Sailing, 6 days from Hampton Roads & 6 days from Bermuda.

On the arrival of the Lackawanna I beg to refer to the enclosed Copy of my letter to the Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

I have given all the required Certificates & Master Cashman, Clerk, will pass the Custom House papers, & Boarding Officers.

I have the honor to be Sir, Very Respectfully your obedient Servant

Isaac Mayo
Captain

Hon. Gideon Welles
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

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The ship referred to is the Packet Ship of New York, of 1403 tons, of which I have been informed by the U.S. District Attorney of New York, as having been seized by the Authorities of that City, for violation of the Laws of the United States.

I forward herewith a printed Roll of the Officers and Crew of this Ship.

I have,
the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Jno. S. Mayo
Flag Officer
Commdg U.S. Atlantic Squadron

Hon.
Isaac Mayo
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

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Dec 19-60.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, September 26th 1860.

Sir

You will proceed with the Barque "Cora" ...ptured at Sea September 25th 1860, by this ship ...to Monrovia, Liberia, where you will immediately give ...formation of your arrival to the Revd John Seys, or ...is Successor, the Agent appointed by the Government ...the United States, to receive and provide for Africans ...captured by the Cruisers of the United States. As ...soon as the Agent is ready to receive the Africans ...aptives on shore, they will be landed with care and ...taken charge of by the Agent,- who will give for ...me triplicate receipts, specifying them as men, ...omen, and Male and female children- You will ...en enclose one of the receipts addressed to the Flag ...cer, and leave it in care of the United States Agent.

You will also call on the Chief of the ...overnment of Liberia, and inform him of the purpose ...your visit, which being completed, You will take in ...ood, water and other necessaries sufficient to carry ...m to Norfolk, Virginia, where you will report in person ...the Commandant of the Naval Station, and in ...iting to the Hon'ble Secretary of the Navy, enclosing ...e of the Agents receipts for Slaves.

You will be prepared to deliver up the ...sel with the persons captured in her, to the United ...tates Marshal, and all her papers and documents ...und, and one of the Agents receipts for slaves to the ...dge of the United States District Court, and be ready ...act in the case of the Barque under your charge ...your orders and Circumstances may require.

Midshipman W. B. Hall is ordered to report ...you for duty, and four Seamen, three Ordinary Seamen ...ur Landsmen and three Marines will accompany ...m as the prize crew.

On your arrival at Norfolk, you will strictly ...prohibit any one from leaving the Barque or having ...y communication with the shore, until the vessel is ...Master

Thomas H. Eastman
Comdg Prize Barque "Cora"

is delivered over to the United States Authorities. The p
remaining on board, and all public property in
charge, will be turned over to the Commandant
Naval Station, as well as the prize crew, with th
accounts accompanying them.

You will use all diligence in reachin
-poria, and until the African Captives are landed
you will be careful for their maintenance, heal
comfort, especially as to pure air.

After they shall have been landed, and
opportunity thus afforded for the purpose, you wil
make an accurate inventory of the lading of t
"Cora", properly dated and signed by yourself -
original of which you will deliver to the Judg
the United States District Court, for the District
which the vessel may arrive.

The persons, Viz.

Morgan Fredericks, said to be	1st	Officer
John Wilson	do	2d Officer
Hans Olsen	do	3d Officer
and Charles	do	Cabin Boy

Captured in the "Cora" will return to the United
States in her, and you will give them in cha
to the Marshal of the District, taking for them
receipt.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

(Signed) Wm. Inman

Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

True copy Warden Hewes
Flag Officers Secretary

[illegible] Flag Ship [illegible]
At the mouth of the Mesurado River
West Coast Africa
September 2nd 1860.

Sir,

I have the honor to report, that I
[illegible] Flag Ship on the 26th ult. [illegible]
[illegible] York, which was captured with eleven
hundred and [illegible] Africans on board,
[illegible] on the 29th last, [illegible]

I [illegible] Sir, that I [illegible]
[illegible] Captain [illegible] Master
[illegible] Captain [illegible] Mate
[illegible] Seven [illegible] Seamen, [illegible]
[illegible] effort to escape, by throwing overboard a
[illegible] Wooden Watch, Chains, Irons &c.

I also [illegible] a Copy of the Orders issued
[illegible] Thomas [illegible] Boatman, who will [illegible] an Inventory
of the Contents of the Cabin, to be made by them
[illegible] if I [illegible] to do so, upon the Vessel
[illegible] landed at Monrovia. The Captain will
also [illegible] to give a Receipt for the Slaves.
Signed by the Agent of the United States, [illegible]
[illegible] for that purpose at Monrovia, Liberia.

The following is a Copy of a Statement made
by Morgan Fredericks, representing himself as
1st Officer of the Cora.

"The Barque Cora of New York, John A. Hamm-
-Master, sailed from New York on the twenty
fourth day of June 1860, for the Coast of Africa,
upon a Voyage represented to me to be legal. We
arrived Abreast the twenty seventh day of August
1860 at Vinta Kavinka, Congo River - We left that
River on the Nineteenth day of September 1860, and
[illegible]

To His Honor
The Judge of the
U. S. District Court
for the Eastern District
of Virginia

694 Affidavit delivered to the U.S. Agent at Glasgow —

List of Officers, Petty Officers, Seamen &c. on board the U. States Ship Constellation, Capta. John S. Nicolas, entitled to share in the capture of the American Barque Cora, a slaver, taken off the River Congo, Africa, 25th Sept. 1860.

Wilm: Eastman, Flag Officer
John S. Nicolas, Captain.
D. M. N. Fairfax, Lieut.
Alex: C. Rhind, do
Philip P. Johnson, do
Benj: P. Loyall, do
Thos. H. Eastman, Master
John N. Hasselton, Pay Master's Clk
Thos. L. Smith, Asst Surgeon
John M. Browne, Pass. Asst Surgeon
Geo. Fitzgerald, Seaman
Henry Roberts, Seaman
John Hunter, Ord. Sea.
Jno: Callender, do
David H. Daniel do
John Robie, Ord. Sea.
John L. Nicholson, Capt. Mth
Henry Parsons, Sail. Maker. Mate
James D'Arcy, Mr. at Arms
Jno. Gaynor, Ship's Corporal
John Humphries, do

John R. T. Tattnall, Lt. Marines
A. Camden Heuvel, Secy.
1 Flag Officer
Geo: A. Borden, Surgeon
Wilbur B. Wall, do
Myles B. Wilson, Capt. Clk.
Thos. M. Bowen Pilot 1st Class
Alfred Haycraft, Boatswain
James Hutchinson, Gunner
Henry M. Lowry, Carpr.
Wm: P. Upham, Coxswain
John W. Thompson, do
Albert Comstock, do
James G. Beck, do
Francis Dessa, do
James Byrne, do
Clement A. Miller, do
Wilm: Dixon, do
Jno. Wilson, Capt. Forecastle
Alex: McGibbon, do

694 Affidavit delivered to the U.S. Agent at Glasgow —

I, Wilbur B. Wall, Acting Master's Mate of the U. States Ship Constellation, now lying in the River Congo, Africa, do solemnly swear that I was present on board the American Barque Cora, a slaver, when she was captured by the boats of the U. States Ship Constellation, on the morning of the 25th day of September 1860, and that I was present on board the said Barque Cora, when the following persons were found on board of her, viz:

Morgan Fredericks, Supercargo
John Wilson, Mate
Philip Olsen, do
and Charles Moore, Cook

The said persons were found on board the said Barque Cora, when she was captured by the boats of the U. States Ship Constellation, as aforesaid, and were detained as prisoners on board the said U. States Ship Constellation.

Sworn to before me this 26th day of October 1860 on board the U. States Ship Constellation in the River Congo, Africa.

Wilbur B. Wall
Acting Master's Mate

Thos. H. Eastman
Master U. S. Navy

Signed, Wilbur B. Wall
Acting Master's Mate

I, Thomas H. Eastman, Master of the U. States Ship Constellation, do solemnly swear that I was present on board the American Barque Cora, a slaver, when she was captured by the boats of the U. States Ship Constellation, on the morning of the 25th day of September 1860, and that I was present on board the said Barque Cora, when the following persons were found on board of her, viz:

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Sworn,

Thos. H. Eastman
Master U. S. Navy

Signed, Thos. H. Eastman
Master U. S. Navy

U. S. Flag Ship Constellation
Off the Congo River, Africa
26th Oct. 1860.

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Acting Master's Mate

Thos. H. Eastman
Master U. S. Navy

Signed, Wilbur B. Wall
Acting Master's Mate

True Copy, A. Camden Heuvel
Flag Officer's Secretary.

Seamen Thompson, 2d. Mr. N
Thomas Dilla, do N
Lewis Asher, do N
Jas. Wilwirth, do N
Seamen Traverse do N
John Smith, Cooper N
Saml. Arnold, 2d. Gunr. N
Sidney Conklin, do N
Neil Mailin, do N
Nathl. Talbot, do N
Dixon D. Graves, do N
Thomas Hart, do N
Lewis De Silva, Qr. Master N
Joseph Vasquez, do N
Patrick Dolan, do N

Seamen.

Peter Anderson. N
Henry Bryant. N
Gerard W. Barry N
Henry Phipps, N
Henry Dawson. N
Seamen Duffy N
Wilm. Phillips N
Geo. David. N
Isaac Purvis. N
Theodore Dale. N
John Howard N
Wm. Howarth N

Fred. W. Saunders, Sergt. Marines
John Clark, Capt. Afterguard
Edward Goodwin, do
William Ball, Capt. Forr.
John Rutland, do
Alex. Wilson, do
Matthew Wheeling, do
William Allison, do
Geo. P. Quickman, do
Saml. Carson, Capt. Hold
Charles Hair, Ships Cook
Wilm. Saunders, Ofr. Cook
Jose Gomez, do
Fernando Andrada, do

Seamen.

Miell. S. Marshall. N
Henry Stacy. N
Davis G. Tamar. N
Geo. Daniel. N
Benj: S. Gifford N
Wilm: Gurney. N
Richd. Harding N
Michael Daly N
Thos. Hoadley. N
John Johnson, N
Frank Leston N
Wm: Lawrence N

Seamen.

Oliver B. Rice N
John Lowry. N
Jas. Darvin N
Thos. McCracken. N
John McCarty, 1st N
Jas. McCrary. N
Chas. W. Cronthore. N
Nicholas Myers. N
Henry Nagle. N
Lloyd Devanny. N
John Penders N
Andrew Peterson N
Chas S. Seaton. N

Ord. Seamen.

Robt. Anderson N
Danl. Benjamin N
Thos. Brady. N
Geo. Brooks. N
Gustv. A. Bowman N
Wm: Bainbridge N
Stephen H. Berry N
Seamen K. Baine N
Chas. W. Batchelder N
John Cameron. N
Jas. A. Cochrane N
Chas. Brown. N
Peter Bailey N
John Chapman N
Peter Dailey N

Seamen.

Wm. Smith, 1st. N
Wm: J. Steffins. N
Chas. Taylor. N
Wilm: Young. N
Seamen Woods, N
George Wilson. N
George Dunn. N
Frank Keating. N
John Henson N
Jas. McKenzie N
Wilm. Hendrix N
Jas. J. Elliott N
Seamen Wilson. N

Ord. Seamen.

Wm: H. Dunlap. N
Chas. Draper. N
Wilm: Bond. N
Thos. D. Elliott N
John Rhee. N
John W. Elliott. N
Geo. Foster. N
Seneca N. Freeman N
Ephriam K. Forster N
Chas. F. Gordon. N
Edwd. Grayson. N
Thos. Glover. N
John McCarty 2d. N
John Gavins N
Danl. Hearn. N

Ord. Seamen.

John Hancock W
Henry H. Higgins W
Thos. H. Ego. W
Wm: B. Jones W
Henry Jones. W
Thos. Harrison W
Willm: Thomas W
Sam. H. Kelly W
Adolph Sandegreen W
Adna Legg W
Jos: H. Fitzsimmons W
John Jones W
John Lewis W
Wm: Leonard W
Chas. D. Murphy W
Patrick McHatt W
Richd. McQuade W
Augs: Manning W
Jos. Makins W

Ord. Seamen.

Rufus Nichols W
Israel D. Rodeni W
Peter Paulsen W
Joseph Ridgely W
Hanson Rudolph W
Peter Oliver W
Hanes Harrington W
Peter Rondello W
Hanes Simpson W
Willm. Brith, 2d. W
Mark Whitehouse W
John Wood W
Isaac Jones W
Fred: Fader W
Richd. Hoy W
John Brown W
Frank Carr W
Edward Lowe W

Landsmen.

Joseph Bixby W
James Blake W
Sam. Birkstead W
Thos. Collins W
Jacb. Caldwell W
Jas: Clowey W
Nichs. Clifford W

Landsmen.

Peter B. Doran W
John Dwyer W
Patrick Downey W
John Fernandez, 1st W
George Hasleed W
Wm: H. French W
Jos: Fernandez W

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Landsmen.

Alex. Ferreira W
Bixley P. Guilford W
James George W
Saml. Higginbottom W
Augustine Henry W
Richd. Harrington W
John Long W
Thomas Mann W
Jos. L. Mansfield W
John McNamara W
Munroe Nelson W
Ebenr. B. Nichols W
Abial Olds W

Musicians.

Achilli Dicki, Mr. of Band W
John Bowman, Asst. do W
Adolp Brunner, do W
Joseph De Silva do W
Joaquin A. Ferreira, do 2d W
John Fernandez 2d do W

Landsmen.

Wm: C. Pulsifer W
John Powell W
Robt. Robinson W
Jefferson Reynolds W
Wm: H. Howe W
Antonio Silva W
Sam. T. Wash W
Walter Williams W
Chas. Van Antwerp W
Alexr. Ferreira W
George Williams W
John Sullivan W
Morris O'Hearne W

Boys.

Josiah Anderson, 1st W
Antonio Wilson, do W
Ignatio Alvarez, 2d W

Mariners.

Jas. Edwards, Corpl. W
Robt. Kyle, Private W
John Becker, do W
Henry Brandt, do W
Thos. C. Caspfield do W

Mariners.

Patrick Connelly, Private W
John S. Cronin, do W
Wilm: Deary do W
John Carroll, do W
Augustus Fisher, do W

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Marines.

Thos. Gilligan, Privt.	V	
Wm. Haviland, do.	V	
Fred. Baker, do.	V	
Mich. Kennedy, do.	V	
John Keenan, do.	V	
James Lennon do.	V	
Patrick McCarty, do.	V	6
Edward Miller, do.	V	
James Martin, do.	V	5
Richd. McKenna, do.	V	5
Thos. McAleer. do.	V	5
John Neil, do.	V	6
Joseph Schafer, do.	V	5
Peter Ward, do.	V	1
John Wannyland do.	V	

Marines.

James Garside, Privt.	V	
James Smith do.	V	
Joseph Dwyer, do.	V	
Willm: Walsh, Ord. Sept.	V	
Charles Hine, Privt.	V	
John Keene, do.	V	
S. H. Kemble, do.	V	6
Eldridge H. Rice, do.	V	
Wm: H. Woods, Drumr.	V	5
John Griswold, Fifer	V	5
Joseph R. White, Corpl.	V	5
Willm: Roach, Privt.	V	6
Edwin Rothschild, Sept.	V	5
John Heffernan, Privt.	V	1

Seamen.

John Clear, Boy 3 cl.	V	
Black Bucket "	V	
Tim Crow 1st "	V	
Tom Will "	V	
Jas Bucket "	V	
Tom Upside Down "	V	
Jack Savage, 2d W.a Kw.r	V	
Thos Tit, Boy 3 cl.	V	
Joe Lassey "	V	
Tom Day "	V	
Tim Crow 2d "	V	

Seamen.

Tom Nisbly, Boy 3 cl.	V	
John Lewis "	V	
Jack Crowter "	V	
Jack Davis 2d "	V	
Prince of Wales "	V	
Tim Tim "	V	
Half Dollar, 2d "	V	
Tim Tiny	V	
Ben Marion	V	
Tom Bestman, 2d.	V	

Seamen.

John Doty, Head Kw.man	V2.	V
Tom Walker. 2d do.	8 Kw.	V
Jack Tom Tellow Boy 3d.	V8	V
Half Dollar "		V
Barley Mac "		V
Tom Bestman 1st "		V
Fresh Water "		V
Pete Munro "		V
Tom Dennis "		V

Seamen.

Jack Every day, Boy 3 cl.		
Jack Monroe, "		
Tom Freeman "		
Jack Half Dollar "		
Ben Coffee "		
Jack After Supper "		
Tim Doe "		
Tom Dollar "		
After Breakfast "		

Approved:

J. J. Nicholas
Captain.

U.S. Ship Constellation,
Norfolk, 26th Sept. 1840.

Wm Hamilton,
Pay Master.

List of persons found on board the Brig Barque "Cora" captured by the U. S. Flag Ship Constellation William Inman Esq. Flag Officer.

Morgan	Fredericks	1st. Officer
John	Wilson	2d "
Agnd.	Olsen	3d "
Loretto	Luis (Spanish Passenger)	
Charles,	Moore.	German
Agnes.	Thompson.	Swede
Agnes.	King	German
Agnes,	Brown	Swede.
Charles.	Fock.	Hamburgh
E.	Nelson	Swede
John	Smith	Norway
Peter,	Peterson	German
Ingrid	Sinstrom	Swede
Joseph.	O'Kembro	
Peter	Lawson	Dane
Charles	Miller.	English
Guilsane	Devilagra	Italian
Jose.	Sanchez	Spanish
Bartolo	Grao	"
Benoventuro,	Elias	"
William	Campbell	Scotch
Jose	Digordo	Spanish
Manuel	Lima	"
Fernando	Izgardo	"
Pepino	Costa	Malay.

— Over

To Notes Pinkerton
Wilson
and Olsen

and Charles Moore Cabin Boy, 4 persons returned to the United States in the "Cora." Two being Spanish and Italians and one Dutch (passengers) will be landed on the coast according to their request.

The Eleven Officers (Original Crew) remain on board the Flag Ship; being too numerous to be sent in the prize.

The above is a correct list of Nine persons (25) found on board the Piragua "Cora."

W. McMahon
Flag Officer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, September 26th 1860.

U. S. Flag Ship "Constellation"
At Sea, Sept. 26th 1860.

Sir

I have the honor to report that the Piragua "Cora" under the Spanish flag, has been captured by the boats of this ship, and is now in charge of Acting Master Edward Nichols and Crew of this ship, and is now proceeding to the United States.

The vessel is a Topsail Schooner of about 400 tons burthen, and well found in every requirement.

The papers & log books of the vessel & the Prize Crew have been examined, and are considered to be genuine. The following is a list of persons among them to come on board.

Negroes of Men	145
" " Boys	320 (Small & Large)
Women, Young Girls & Babies	199
Total	664

This examination was deemed to be necessary as it was impossible under the peculiar circumstances of the case to muster the negroes - and we believe it to be correct to within twenty at the most.

The Vessel is well stored with provisions and water. She has been at sea about 16 days & was in good condition.

We also submit for your examination the manuscript papers and the log of the vessel found on board for navigating same, and it was taken from the coast of Africa.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
(Signed) E. G. W. Gaskill. Lt.
(Signed) Jno. C. J. Stillwell
Prize Crew

Flag Officer
U. S. Steamer
Comdg U. S. African Squadron

Flag Officer & Officers & Crew

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U.S. Ship "Richmond"
At Sea September 26th 1860.
South of the Line Coast of Africa

Sir:

I respectfully request, that you will be pleased, to authorize the return of this ship, to the United States, as the time of service of the 13th of June 1861 - the Navy Regulations have two years as commission.

The Squadron, this Commander has visited ports on the Coast, the Cape de Verd Islands, since the last general, & the departure for the United States, from Rio de Janeiro, since the 14th of May 1860.

I propose to pass to the Southward, from the South Coast, about the 1st of April, 1861, to arrive in about a month, at this ship's first port, as directed in the letter, from the United States to Monrovia; where the vessels of this Squadron, have found it important, to give the Ships Companies, before proceeding to the South Coast. Small Pox, may prevail at this time, until the 15th of May 1861, and if authorized, will then sail for the United States.

I hope it may be convenient for the Department, to notify me of my relief at this time; by mail Steamer, to sail from the United States, not later than the 10th to 15th January 1861 Original to be sent, via Liverpool, to Funchal &c - Duplicate to be sent, via Southampton, to Port Grande, St. Vincent, Cape de Verd Islands.

I am
Very respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't

Hon Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

Flag Office
Southern Atlantic Squadron

Duplicate.

No. 13

No. of Despatch "Celestial"

At Sea, South of Congo River

September 26th 1860

Sir,

I respectfully forward, that upon my arrival, to discharge the cargo of the Bark "Celestial" the property of the United States, I did on the 15th of June 1861, sell, the vessel, Stores, Outfit, Provisions, Ammunition, &c.

I am informed, that Engineer Miller, gifted for the Bark Sarah, reported to the Office last Saturday, the complete removal of the Spirit portion of His Cargo, Consisting of Whisky, Brandy &c. since the 14th of May 1861.

Upon the receipt of this Communication, from the South Coast, about the 1st of April 1861, I decided in about a month, to proceed to China. That part, has been strictly in the Secret, from the United States, & Agencies, with the Excepts of His Excellency, I had it important, to proceed there unknown, before proceeding to the South coast. I could, therefore, await the Arrival of Mr. Minister at China, until the 15th of May 1861, and, if authorized, will then sail, for the Atlantic States.

I hope it may be convenient, for the Government, to acquaint me with, by mail Steamer, to Hong Kong the United States, not later than the 10th & 11th January 1861. Enquiries to Post Office Liverpool, to forward to Agents at Post Office Southampton, to Cape Verde Islands, & Pernambuco, for the Cape Verde Islands.

I have
the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant

Isaac Mean
Master
Bark U. S. Supply

Isaac Toucey
Secretary of the Navy.
Washington,

advance.

Amer
Dec. 19-60

[illegible] Steamer, under the Command of the [illegible]
of the Squadron under my Command.

[illegible] Lieutenant and Principal
Officer of the Custom House at this Port, has been ordered
to Key West, Florida, for the purpose of relieving Lieut.
[illegible] of duty as Assistant Inspector of Customs
at that Port.

The Order for Transfer of the undersigned
[illegible], received for my information, have not left
this Port, because the Vessels necessary to be
[illegible] Assistant Inspector Sutter
to be ordered to relieve the United States Ship
"Kitty."

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt, by the Store Ship "Kitty," of your Despatches
Numbered 16 of the 29th of May and 16th June 1865
as well as the original letter, by order of Admiral
Dahlgren dated July 12th, also July 13th and July 17th
1865, respectively.

Instructions by our Despatches as to
the Steamer "City of Norfolk," will be obeyed
as soon and any attention will be given to the
matter treated of, by the Master Mr. Bartlett
Porter.

On receipt of your instruction dated
July 12th 1865 Lieut. Belfast will remain on
Executive Office of the Commission. Lieut
Charles A. McDougle U.S. Returned to the
United States. I take the liberty to enclose the
Requisition No 107, of this date by bearer
Master the Record of which was destroyed by
fire.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

[signature]

Flag Officer
Comdg U.S. African Squadron

Read

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